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Investments boost economy

 By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Major public investments in the transportation infrastructure over the past decade have led to "unprecedented" economic growth in Southwestern Illinois, according to a study released last week by the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

The 1995-1996 Market Review and Investment Update is a review of major investments by the economic sector, including commercial, residential, institutional, industrial, public, infrastructure and educational investments.

The Leadership Council is a nonprofit economic development organization representing Madison and St. Clair counties. James Pennekamp said infrastructure development is "essential" for development. "Unless you have it, you can't be successful," he said.

The study shows that Southwestern Illinois in 1995 had a work force of 145,398 people working in 9,853 firms. The largest sector was the service sector with 32.6 percent of the work force, followed by retail with 25.2 percent and manufacturing with 20 percent.

Since 1994, \$212.2 million in major

"We have to work as a region. There is stiff competition for transportation funds, and we have to make sure that we are sticking together."

— James Pennekamp
 Council director

commercial investments have been announced, are under construction or have been completed, according to the study.

Also since 1994, \$39 million in major institutional investments have been planned, are under way or have been completed.

Industrial investments during this period amounted to \$325.7 million, including the construction of a \$67 million galvanne coating line by National Steel Corp. in Granite City. Pennekamp said that when companies look for places to expand, transportation infrastructure is assumed.

"Areas that do not focus on transportation infrastructure is assumed." (See ECONOMY, Page 4A)

Two local projects lead the way in development

 By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

The construction of the \$67 million galvanne coating line by National Steel Corp. in Granite City and the \$21.5 million redevelopment of Gateway International Raceway now under way in Madison led the way as major industrial and commercial developments in the Tri-City area, according to the 1995-1996 Market Review and Investment Update by the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

"We've seen an unprecedented level of economic development activity in Madison and St. Clair counties and the level of regional cooperation between Illinois and Missouri has never been better," said Robert A. Wetzel, president of the

Leadership Council.

"Locally, we've seen many significant private developments that are a result of a public/private partnership," he said. "The fact that we are experiencing increased private investment in Southwestern Illinois is a major change from the past when much of the development was in public investments."

He said past investment in the region's transportation infrastructure and increased regional cooperation have helped make Southwestern Illinois "an attractive marketplace resulting in increased private investment."

Other local projects cited in the report include industrial investments by Spectralite Consortium Inc. in Madison and Venice, and Illinois American Water Co., Erhard Tool and Pre-Coat Metals in

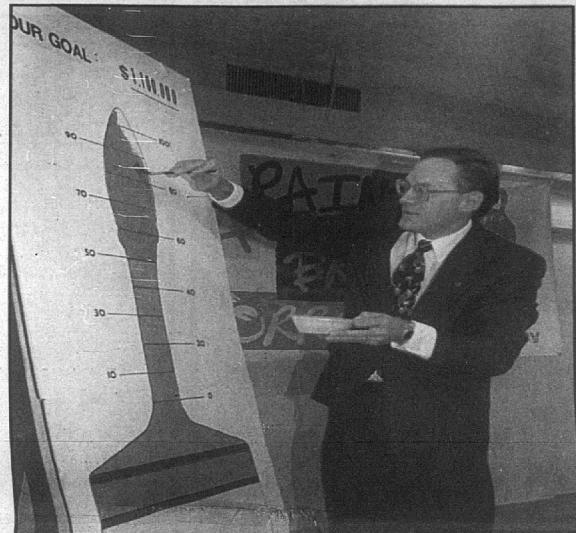
Granite City.

There has also been commercial developments such as Pontoon Beach's Ramada Inn and the renovated Schnuck's Supermarket in Granite City.

Also noted in the study: Between 1981 and 1995, Southwestern Illinois showed an increase of 31,463 jobs — an average growth rate of about 2 percent.

Most of the increase is attributed to continued growth in the service and retail trades, while construction and

(See PROJECTS, Page 4A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Dennis Orsey paints in the handle of a bar graphic depicting a paint brush to show the level of contributions reached in this year's United Way campaign.

Over the top United Way drive surpasses goal

The outlook for tomorrow is a bit brighter thanks to the generosity of the community. The 1996 Tri-Cities Area United Way campaign was a success, it was announced last week.

The campaign has thus far raised more than \$1.25 million for local health and human services programs in the Tri-Cities area. That amount is more than 102 percent of the record campaign goal of \$1.1 million. While the 1996 campaign officially ended last week, pledges and contributions are

expected to continue to trickle in, said Campaign Chairman Dennis Orsey. A final total will be announced in February at the United Way's annual meeting.

The theme of the campaign was "Paint a Brighter Tomorrow." "This was the most ambitious goal we have ever set. The amount raised is higher than ever," Orsey said. "That is especially gratifying in light of the reduction we are seeing nationally in corporate giving."

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Rams back Red Cross blood drive



American Red Cross

The St. Louis Rams and the American Red Cross will kick off a special blood donation drive Friday with special appearances by several Rams players at local blood donation centers.

The Holiday Blood Bowl is a nine-day, blood collection challenge that precedes the St. Louis Rams-Chicago Bears game on Dec. 8. The Rams are calling on the community and asking eligible blood donors to give blood in the days before the Rams-Bears contest. Similar appeals are being made by the Bears in the Chicago area.

Rams players Tony Banks, Bern Broshek, Isaac Bruce, Ernie Conwell, Chip Lohmiller, Jamie Martin and Toby Wright will be on hand from 3 to 8 p.m. at the South County and West County American Red Cross donation centers. In addition, St. Louis Rams cheerleaders will be at all

other American Red Cross donation sites from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

The Holiday Blood Bowl is being sponsored by the Suburban Journals, Mobil stations, KTVI-TV (Channel 2), Heartland Bank, CPI Photo and the Honeybaked Ham Co.

One of the highlights of the Holiday Blood Bowl challenge is a chance to visit Rams Park, the team's training facility in Earth City. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 3, Rams Park will be an additional blood collection site. Those who donate at Rams Park will receive a team

poster. Selected donors will receive an autographed poster. As an added incentive, all donors will have the opportunity to reach into a fishbowl and receive a special Rams item, including team pennants, a Rams team autographed football, tours of the Rams training facility and four tickets to the Rams-Bears game on Dec. 8 in Chicago.

All American Red Cross blood donation locations will be participating in the Holiday Blood Bowl. A variety of incentives will be available daily for those who give blood. (See BLOOD, Page 4A)

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Massage parlor is raided

Three at Collinsville spa face prostitution charges

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Customers at a Collinsville spa allegedly were getting more than massages — a practice that led to an undercover sting at the business late Thursday afternoon and to prostitution charges against three women.

Collinsville police raided the Oriental Seasons Spa, 9500 Collinsville Road, after an undercover officer — who had just paid \$60 for a massage — was offered sex for \$100 more.

Collinsville Police Detective Tom Coppotelli said that two customers were inside the business when it was raided, and both cooperated with police.

"One of the customers said he had received sex for \$100," Coppotelli said.

In Ser Kwak White, 47, had a key to the business and gave it as her home address. She was charged with prostitution and keeping a place of prostitution.

The Son Yee Richard, 27, was charged with prostitution, and Chun Hui Grandt, 44, was charged with prostitution and keeping a place of prostitution. Both women gave out-of-state addresses,

Coppotelli said.

One of the employees allegedly had a pocketful of condoms. Police allege she would arrange the sexual encounters between clients and workers, during which she would distribute the condoms.

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Pawn of the EPA?

Woman says agency 'duped, misled' her

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The secretary of a federal judge says she and other residents of Granite City were "duped and misled" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency into allowing the agency access to their property to remove lead-contaminated soil.

"I find it reprehensible that those of us who trusted the EPA and allowed you on our property to do the cleanup were duped and misled by your representatives," Mary Margaret Nonn, of the 1600 block of Edison Avenue, wrote in a scathing letter to John P. Perreone, community involvement coordinator for U.S. EPA Region 5.

Nonn, who has resided on the block for years, is secretary to U.S. District Judge William Beatty in East St. Louis.

She has also served on the citizens' committee for the EPA Superfund cleanup of lead-contaminated soil since the committee was formed. In fact, according to her letter, she has attended every scheduled meeting with EPA representatives.

"We were told that once the cleanup on our property was completed, we would be given a clearance by the EPA," she wrote.

Nonn said that EPA officials — including project managers Brad Bradey and Sheri Bianchini — promised homeowners who allowed EPA access to their property a letter certifying the property as clean once their yards had been remediated.

But apparently that isn't the case. Because some residential properties have been cleaned while others haven't, and because the city — which has filed a federal lawsuit against EPA claiming the cleanup plan will not

be effective — has refused to grant EPA access to the easements between sidewalks and curbs, the EPA has apparently refused to issue clearance to a number of residential property owners whose yards have been remediated.

"Not one time were we ever told that if your neighbor did not allow the cleanup, you would not be given clearance," Nonn wrote.

In the letter, Nonn noted that she has no control over what her neighbors or the city do with their property.

"This has to be the best kept secret of the Superfund project, and by sending a copy of this letter to the local papers, maybe I can reach at least some of the citizens of Granite City, Madison and Venice and let them know that they are in a 'Catch 22' situation, and that the EPA, wasting the taxpayers' money, is the only winner in this charade."

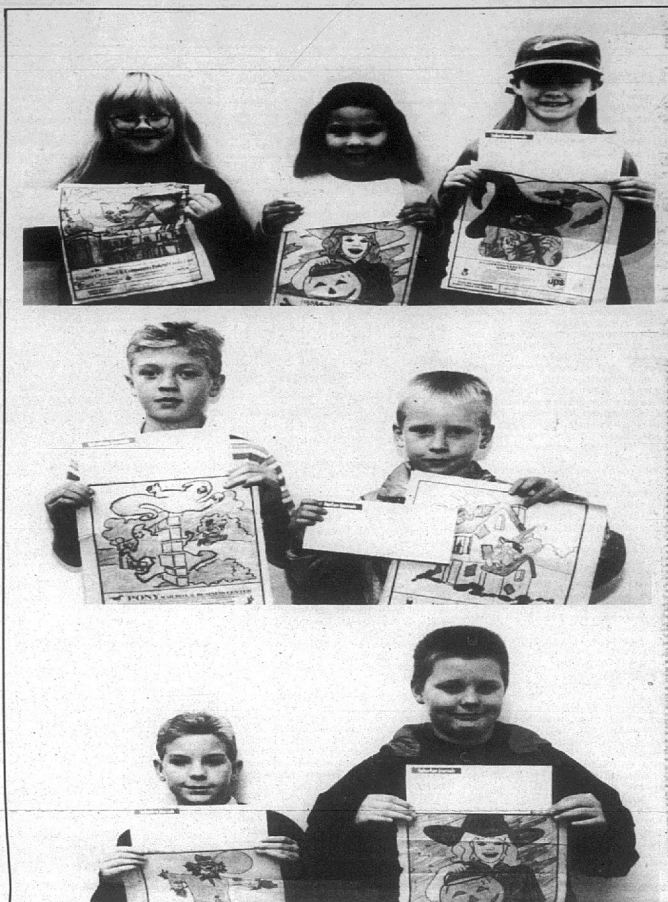
Nonn said she is also unhappy with the city for denying EPA access to easements.

"(The city and EPA) are playing a game and they're using us (property owners) as pawns," Nonn said Friday.

The EPA is in the middle of a \$75 million cleanup of residual lead from a now-defunct smelter. Its plan includes removal of contaminated soil from a 56-block area and placing it on an existing 30-acre, 290,000-ton lead scrap pile and capping the pile.

The city has objected to the plan, saying it will be ineffective because property will become recontaminated.

A University of Cincinnati study, released last summer, found high levels of lead contamination in properties already "cleaned" by OHM Corp., the company performing the cleanup work for EPA.



Winners — The Granite City Journal recently presented awards to the winners of the Halloween Coloring Contest. First place winners received \$30, second place took \$25, and third was good for \$20. At top, first, second and third respectively in the kindergarten through second grade category were Michelle Davis, left; Sabrina Fay Wolf and Hannah Foster. In middle photo, Dustin Stanton, left, was first at the third and fourth grade level, while Justin Gibson, right, took second. In bottom photo, Andrew St. Heil took first among fifth through seventh graders, with Colin Foster placing second.

County budget OK'd

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Next year's budget in Madison County holds few surprises and won't include a tax increase.

The total budget of \$77,495,932 for Fiscal Year '97 was approved last week by the Madison County Board. The new fiscal year begins Dec. 1.

During the meeting, Bill Little, D-Alton, chairman of the board's Finance Committee, said that because of state and grant monies, the county has funds to keep alive some of its new programs — without raising the current tax rate.

Madison County residents currently pay 86 1/2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That rate has remained virtually unchanged for the past decade, officials said.

Little said that overall the 1997 budget reflects a 2.7 percent increase over the current budget.

Some of the items attributed to that increase include the new drug court, which offers first-time drug offenders a chance at a treatment program instead of going to jail; full-scale operations of the new county health depart-

ment; a full year of operations at the expanded Madison County Court-term increase in funding for the Madison County Museum; and extra funding to Probation and Court Services to hire 10 new officers.

The Probation Department will receive an extra \$512,150 in funding while the Health Department will get an additional \$363,000 than was budgeted last year.

Little said that almost all of the increase in the Probation Department — except for about \$50,000 — will be offset through increased state funding.

"It is clear that future growth in expenditures must be restrained, as it has in the past, to allow us to continue to avoid increasing the rate at which our citizens pay taxes," he said.

Sales tax growth in unincorporated areas is projected to increase by \$40,000 next year. The countywide sales tax is expected to increase by \$150,000.

A new state law allowing courts to collect a \$10 fee from jail inmates to pay for medical expenses will allow the county to shift about \$80,000 from the Sheriff's Department to the Capital Projects Transfer Fund and the State's Attorney's Office.



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Obituaries

Donald Burns

Donald E. "Ikey" Burns, 77, of Granite City died at 5 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 1996, at his residence. He was born Jan. 15, 1919, in Venice and resided in the Tri-City area his entire life.

Mr. Burns, a World War II veteran, entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and served four years in the South Pacific. He participated in the liberation of Luzon, Philippines, and the Bismarck Archipelago. For his service in those campaigns, he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign ribbon, Bronze Arrowhead, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon. He was also awarded the American Defense Service ribbon, six overseas service medals, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon and the Bronze Star. He was discharged from the service Sept. 16, 1945, and returned to the Granite City area.

Ikey was an active baseball player whose career included playing, both before and after the war, for minor and major league farm teams. Having enjoyed baseball his entire life, he was often a source of advice for young ball players and coached his grandsons.

Mr. Burns retired from A.O. Smith Corp. in 1961 after 17 years as an inspector. In 1964 he retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation. He was a 51-year member of the American Legion Post 307, Teamsters Local 52 and Holy Family Catholic Church of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Grace "Hanson" Burns; one sister, Eleanor Hadley; and four brothers, John, Emmett, Lawrence, and Edward Burns.

Survivors included his wife, Edith S. (Bonfrow) Burns, whom he married May 18, 1949, in Mt. Vernon; two sons, Steven Gerald and Timothy Paul Burns, both of Granite City; three daughters, Donna Marie Tidwell of Blue Springs, Mo., and Lynn Ann Canada and Kathleen Benko, both of Granite City; one brother, Charles "Bill" Burns of Ponton Beach; and nine grandchildren.

Services were Monday, Nov. 25, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2600 Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to Granite City High School Ikey Burns Memorial Fund.

John Carmody
John Warren Carmody, 78, of Granite City died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. He was born May 27, 1918, in Moberly, Mo.

Mr. Carmody retired from Shell Oil Company, Wood River, in 1960 after 30 years as an engineer. He was a 1936 graduate of Granite City High School, a graduate of Moberly Junior College, and attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. In World War II he was a combat bomber pilot with the U.S. Navy in Pacific Theater, twice received the distinguished flying cross for heroism, remained in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 25 years and retired as a commander.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Richard and Katherine (McGurk) Carmody; one brother, Robert Carmody; and two sisters, Virgie Scott and Mary Ashley.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Mary (Wickman) Carmody, whom he married Sept. 25, 1948; three sons, Tom Carmody of Granite City, David Carmody of Olney, and Jim Carmody of St. Louis; one daughter, Kathleen Carmody of Florissant; one brother, Thomas J. Carmody of Jacksonville; two sisters, Barbara Patricia G'Sell of Florissant, Mo., and Rose Ellen Carmody of Lemay, Mo.; and eight grandchildren.

Services begin at 9 a.m. today, Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2600 Washington, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

Memorials suggested to either Holy Family Catholic Church or Hospice of Madison County.

Albert Lewis Sr.

Albert S. Lewis Sr., 83, of Granite City died at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center where he had been a patient for nine days. He was born May 9, 1913, in Pahasuka, Okla.

Mr. Lewis retired in 1981 from Granite City Community School District #9 after 50 years as a teacher and coach. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Tri-Cities Council 1059, American Legion Post #113, and American Federation of Teachers. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a lieutenant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert S. and Anna (O'Walls) Lewis; one brother, Franklin T. Lewis; and one sister, Mary Virginia Ashworth.

Survivors include his wife, M. Jane Lewis; two sons, Albert S. Lewis Jr. of Granite City, and Michael F. Lewis of Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters, Susan J. Shafer of Granite City, and Mary P. Hill of Kirkwood, Mo.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services scheduled for 10

a.m. today, Wednesday, Nov. 27, at St. Elizabeth Church, 2301 Ponton Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Liebler officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to American Cancer Society.

Ruby Logan

Ruby J. (Pippy) Logan, 79, of Granite City died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City. She was born March 11, 1917, in Westmoreland, Tenn.

Mrs. Logan was a homemaker and of the Methodist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice U. Logan, who died Oct. 1973; her parents, Fletcher and Edna (Fruitt) Pippy; and a sister, Veda Corley.

Survivors include a son, James J. Logan of J. Labadie, Mo.; a sister, Hazel Pierson of Granite City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Chapel, 2005 Ponton Road, Granite City. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Joan Sherman

Joan C. (Zelmsan) Sherman, 65, of Springfield, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, at Collinsville Care Center in Collinsville. She was born Oct. 19, 1931, in St. Louis.

Ms. Sherman was a homemaker and of the Protestant faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Sherman, whom she married in 1971 in Kentucky, and who died in 1981; and her parents, Fred and Ellen (Katcherside) Zeisman.

Survivors include four daughters, Judy Reynolds, Judy Meyer, and Lisa Ray all of Granite City, and Janet Foster of Madison; one son, Jim Needy of Granite City; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

No visitation or services will be held. The body will be cremated. Burial will be at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

Norris Egbert

Norris "P'Nut" Egbert, 43, of Granite City died at 2:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City following an eight-week illness. He was born Oct. 7, 1953, in Caldwell County, Ky., and had been a resident of Granite City for 40 years.

Mr. Egbert was a truck driver for Dynamic Transit Company and of the Protestant faith. He was preceded in death by his father, Boyce Egbert, who died in 1974; and his mother, Ima Elizabeth Hughes, who died in August 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa MacKenzie of Granite

City; a son, Eric Egbert of Granite City; a sister, Nancy Roberts of Granite City; a brother, Taylor Egbert of Granite City; and one grandchild.

Mary Bunk

Mary Anna (Kuhalko) Bunk, 89, of Granite City died at 6:25 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born July 10, 1907, in Okla.

Arrangements are pending at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City. For information call 678-4321.

C. Billingham

Carolyn Dianne (Allen) Billingham, 49, of Federal Heights, Colo., died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in Federal Heights, Colo. She was born March 14, 1947, in Anna.

Survivors include her mother, Mildred (Erby) Wood of Granite City; her former husband, Gary Billingham, Lakewood, Colo.; a daughter, Christina Gibson of Madison, Wis.; two sons, Timothy Billingham of Albuquerque, N.M., and Ryan Billingham of Fort Collins, Colo.; three sisters, Joyce Valbert of Granite City, Linda Allen of Washington, Ind., and Lori Allen of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and five brothers, David Allen of Granite City, David Allen of St. Louis, Kent Allen of Columbia, Roger Allen of Lewisburg, Tenn., and Kevin Allen of Cooper City, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wilbert Leon Allen.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home Ltd., 515 Vandavia, Collinsville, with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial was in St. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery, Collinsville.

Memorials suggested to Masses of St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Edith Ortger

Edith F. Ortger, 84, of Edwardsville died at 9:50 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Oct. 17, 1912, in Madisonville, Ky.

Original retiree from Commonwealth General Steel Casting Corp., Granite City. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lester Epperson, who died in 1952; her second husband, Oliver Ortger, who died in 1966; and her parents, Albert and Vida (Wheeler) Ray.

Survivors include her son, Roger Epperson of Ponton Beach; two daughters, Connie S. Ray of St. Peters, Mo., and Jerri Mueller of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday at Weber Funeral Home, Edwardsville. Services

are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main, Edwardsville, with the Rev. Robert Goddard officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Bluff Road, Edwardsville.

Memorials suggested to American Cancer Society.

John Brennan

John Howard Brennan, 97, of Collinsville died at 12:13 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 1996, at his residence. He was born April 9, 1899, in Alexandria, Ind.

Mr. Brennan, a member of the U.S. Postal Service, retired in 1961 from Railway Mail Service, Postal Truck Terminal, St. Louis. From 1962 to 1982 he and his wife, Margaret, owned and operated Brennan Green House on Lebanon Road in Collinsville. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Collinsville where he was president of the Holy Name Society, and organizer (1950) and first scout master of Boy Scout Troop 83. He served 12 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve and was a third degree and second oldest living member of Knights of Columbus 1712.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Caroline (Schwender) Brennan; four brothers, Leo, William, Ed and Elmer Brennan; and one sister, Anna Brennan.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret C. (Hahn) Brennan, whom he married Nov. 7, 1935, in Danville; one son, John J. Brennan of Collinsville; three daughters, Leo, William, Ed and Elmer Brennan; and one sister, Anna Brennan.

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Orpey and team captains John Papa and Al Hudzik recognized some of the community's businesses and groups that increased their giving significantly. Those include: Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, which obtained 100 percent participation in its first employee campaign; employees of Coordinated Youth and Human Services, which had 100 percent participation and increased their gift by 26 percent; employees of Children's Hospital and Aid Society; employees of Trails West Boy Scout Council.

Employees of Metro East Sanitary District; employees of Bellevue Area College's Granite City Campus; employees of the Granite City and Venice school districts; attorneys John Hopkins and Morris Chapman and Associates; Granite City firefighters; Omni Bank, which increased its corporate giving by 50 percent; Jan's Hallmark and its employees; Juneau Associates; Robinson Steel, whose employees increased support by 79 percent; Rite Electric, whose employees contribute at a rate of \$205 each; the Tri-City Regional Port, Madison Metal Services; employees of Milam Landfill, who increased their contribution by 52 percent; The Steelworks Corp.; Dial Properties; Granite City Steel and Community Federal Credit Union; employees of Taracorp; employees of Lewis & Clark Marine, who increased their pledges by 87 percent;

The Delivery Network; Precoat Metals, which increased its corporate contribution to \$10,000; Shell Oil Co.'s Wood River Manufacturing Plant, which contributed \$7,000 toward the goal; Affiliated Metals, which increased its corporate gift by 20 percent and whose employees contributed nearly \$10,000; Terminal Railroad Association with a corporate gift of \$17,500 and employee contributions of \$22,470; Kraft Foods' Capri Sun plant, with a corporate gift increase of 20 percent and employee giving up 14 percent to \$33,576; National Steel with a \$100,000 contribution; Granite City Steel employees' Torch Club with pledges of \$299,150;

For alloy employees who increased support by 71 percent; American Steel Foundries and its employees for a total pledge of \$45,000; Spectralite Consortium with a corporate gift of \$6,000 and a 57 percent increase in employee contributions; Prairie Farms Dairy and its employees; A.O. Smith Corp.; Lanter Co.; Magna Bank; St. Elizabeth Medical Center and its employees; and Union Electric.

Holiday Fair set at SIUE

The 26th Annual Holiday Fair at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 4 and 5, in SIUE's University Center.

Sponsored by the University Center Print and Design Shop, the fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. both days. There is no admission to the fair and the public is invited to attend.

Items at the fair will include original works produced by local and regional artists and craft persons. Many types of handmade goods will be available for purchase, including pieces made from clay, fiber, fabric, weaving, wood, paper, metal, glass, leather, and other materials. Graphic arts, painting and photography works may also be for sale.

Selections for purchase will include many articles suitable for holiday gifts and home decorations, such as wooden toys for children, graphic arts, jewelry, paintings, wall hanging, wood carvings.

•Blood

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The holidays often are a time when blood donations sharply decline. The Holiday Blood Bowl is an effort to increase donations to offset the seasonal decrease.

For a complete listing of American Red Cross donation locations in the Missouri/Illinois area, or to schedule an appointment, call Nov. 29 and Dec. 7, call (800) GIVE LIFE.

•Projects

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manufacturing employment remained stable between 1994 and 1995 — to 5.6 percent from 5.7 percent in Madison County, and to 6.1 percent from 6.7 percent in St. Clair County.

Residential housing construction remained strong in 1995, with starts in St. Clair County and 1,016 in Madison County.

Nativity crafter to appear at Shrine on Dec. 2

Meet master Nativity crafter Emanuele Fontanini from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the gift shop at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Visitors at the gift shop will have an opportunity to learn fascinating details of the hands-on crafting of these breathtaking Fontanini Heirloom Nativities, prized for their life-like beauty and detailing since 1908. These Nativity figures are crafted in

Bagni di Lucca, Italy, a region steeped in the rich heritage of the glorious Renaissance period. Fontanini's creations celebrate the "Greatest Story Ever Told" in sizes from miniature to life-size with individual characters available year-round. However, personal tour exclusives and new special event figure "Sarah" will only be available for purchase at this tour.

increased traffic delays getting across the river. "The trouble is projections indicate you will have a significant increase (in delays) in the not-too-distant future," he said.

Pennkamp said the construction of the 1-255 corridor has spurred north-south travel in Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties, and has also made travel to Missouri easier. One result of this has been an increase in the number of people considering living in Illinois and commuting to Missouri.

"Traditionally, he said, most people moving into jobs in the St. Louis market have looked at housing in Missouri, but in the past few years that has changed.

He said the investment in infrastructure has paid off by a "significant amount" of private investment.

In the future, Pennkamp said, there would be some challenges to improving the infrastructure because the federal and state governments are "hard pressed" to come up with funding.

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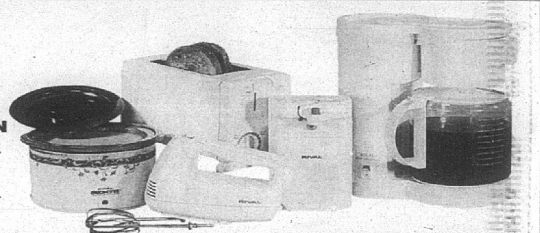
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Woman clears hurdles to start over

Diane Kim Makler's pride in being a nurse is evident in many ways.

Few nurses wear their folded white hats anymore, but Makler carries hers to work every day in a plastic box and proudly affixes it to her hair with bobby pins.

Her license plates on her red Ford Escort wagon read, "DKM RN 96," a testament to her commitment to becoming a nurse by this year.

And on the wall in her living room, congratulatory cards still hang proudly. They were sent to her in May after she graduated with honors from Lewis and Clark Community College.

"I know there aren't many people who wear the hats, but I am proud of it," she said with a smile.

Makler, 44, of Edwardsville, is a single mother who recently redesigned her life from the ground up thanks to Madison County's Job Training Partnership Program.

She was honored during a recent meeting of the County Board as an example of the success of job training. She was recently given an award by the state for

participating in the program and has gotten many other honors along the way.

Makler is now the head nurse at Eden Village Care Center, a senior citizen home in Edwardsville. But her success hasn't come without difficulty. Makler had not even finished high school before getting married and starting a family. After having three children, she and her husband divorced in 1988.

With custody of the children and a house to pay taxes on, Makler worked odd jobs for \$5 an hour at convenience stores, an auto parts store and a senior center for years.

One day, she said, she heard that college courses could be paid for through the job training program, so she enrolled in the program at County Administration Building.

Bill Hanke, director of the program, said Makler stayed

the course during her education despite many obstacles.

"She had a few strokes of bad luck when she first started," he said.

Makler had to pay for her first year at Lewis and Clark in 1993 when she had to finish high school courses. But the program picked up the tab for the next three years.

To demonstrate her commitment, she bought the special license plates.

But Makler, in addition to dealing with the usual problems associated with home ownership, also found herself taking care of her daughter's child permanently; then her car broke down — all in the same year.

She said she walked to a bus stop one mile away each morning and lost 20 pounds that year.

"There were many times when I thought I would have to quit," Makler said.

"But the license plates, and the success I was having, kept me going."

For more information on the job training program, call your local office in Alton, Glen Carbon or Granite City, or Greenville in Bond County, or call the county office in Edwardsville at 692-7040, ext. 4445.

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season for deer. This puts many motorists in a rut — it's also the peak season for deer-vehicle accidents. Last year, Madison County reported 324 deer-vehicle accidents, 10th highest among

counties in the state. "Autumn is the breeding season for white-tailed deer and is the peak time when deer-vehicle accidents occur," said Brett Manning, director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"Responding to their instinct to mate, deer become less cautious and more unpredictable. Keep a watchful eye for deer, drive defensively and be alert to deer-crossing roads and highways."

Motorists should be especially cautious at dusk, during early evening and just before and after sunrise. Deer are most active at these times. Fran Mazenko of Godfrey found out the hard way Tuesday morning. Traveling to work in Edwardsville on Illinois 143 near Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, a deer jumped in front of his brand new 1997 Ford Ranger pickup, which was going about 50 mph. "I saw in my peripheral vision this object, and all of a sudden the deer hit right in the center of the (front end). It just kind of bounced off to the side of the road."

He has traveled the same route to work for years. "I hadn't ever seen a deer, but I

know they're in the area," said Mazenko, who had just bought the truck Friday. "It had just turned 100 miles, but I guess it could have been worse."

Mazenko, who was not injured, estimated the damage at \$2,000.

At night, drivers should be extra careful when driving through wooded and densely vegetated areas, Manning said. Drivers encountering deer on the road should flash their headlights from bright to dim to try to get the animal to move on.

If there is an accident, motorists should not try to remove a dead or injured deer from a busy road. Instead, contact police, officials said. State law requires that all accidents resulting in damage of \$500 or more be reported to police.

One fatality was reported in 1995 from a deer-vehicle collision, compared with five in 1994. Statewide, 17,573 vehicle accidents involving deer were reported to the Illinois Department of Transportation, down 467 from 1994.

"More and more people live and commute through areas where deer reside," said Paul Shelton, forest wildlife program manager for Natural Resources. Deer tend to move along waterways, field edges, wooded corridors and fence rows, including fences at airports. Two young deer were blasted into steaks last Wednesday when a Lear jet landing at St. Louis Downtown-Parks Airport hit them on the runway. The deer had jumped a fence onto airport property.

There is a positive side to being in an accident with a deer. The driver has priority in possessing the deer. If the driver doesn't want the deer, any Illinois resident can claim the animal.

People possessing a deer killed in an accident must report it to Natural Resources by calling (800) 490-3477 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Bayatyan and his crew set sail May 9 on the Aira-2 from their home port of Volgograd and braved storms in the Atlantic Ocean before coasting into Bermuda to wait out the fury of Hurricane Edouard.

"We sailed into New York, then toward the Great Lakes and to Alton," Bayatyan said. The 25-ton steel hull and the 49-foot sailing ship was built in Russia. "The ship is powered by a diesel engine," said Capt. Gary Peters, a river pilot who is sailing with the Russians from his hometown of Cleveland to the Gulf of Mexico.

Bayatyan spoke in broken English as he told about the crew's adventure crossing the ocean. His crew members are: navigator Yuriy Pokatsayev, Alexander Prosandeyev, Dr. Vadim Zakrevsky, and Alexander Banko. The Russian crew arrived Sunday while Alton service station operator Bob Hodge donated his time to repair the ship's engine.

Bayatyan and his Russian seamen went to lunch Sunday at Fast Eddie's Bon-Air on East Broadway.

"We rolled out the red carpet for the Russian visitors," said Eddie Sholar, owner of Fast Eddie's. "It's not every day that some Russians will sail around the world to Alton to eat one of Fast Eddie's Big Elwood's (beef kabob)."

On Thursday, the crew will raise the sail on their 58-foot mast and cruise toward New Orleans then down under to Australia and back to Russia in July.

Bayatyan pointed to a picture of St. Nicholas in front of the pilot's steering wheel. "St. Nicholas is the patron saint of the Russian seamen. He will guide us on our journey home."

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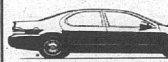
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Travelers Abroad hears about Mediterranean cruise

Travelers Abroad held its October dinner meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria with 33 persons present. Dr. Alice Purdes welcomed the group and attendance prizes of "dinners at Jerry's" were won by Mary St. Cin and Dorothy Hoedebeck.

Marguerite and Charles Lexow presented a slide program related to their Mediterranean cruise last summer on which they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Also accompanying the Lexows were their daughter, Suzanne Donaldson, and John Charles, their grandson who is now doing graduate study at Vanderbilt University in the field of medical research.

Their trip started when they flew to Rome and on to Genoa, Italy, where they boarded the Italian cruise ship, the Costa Romantica. The first port of call was Naples, from which they took a 40-minute hydrofoil ride to the Isle of Capri. This picturesque island has a rugged coastline, pastel-colored villas, vineyards and palm trees, as well as brightly painted fishing boats.

The next stop was Palermo, Sicily, considered by many to be a bridge between Europe and Africa. Among the sites visited were the Norman Palace and an 11th Century church, which entailed walking up 90 steps to enter it. Extreme parking problems exist in Palermo and in many places small cars parked side by side on the sidewalks. Speeding motorcycles darted between buses, automobiles and the pedestrians.

The village of Side Bou Said, near Tunis, Tunisia, in North Africa, was another stopping point and they explored the area on foot. Narrow, cobblestone streets, lots of steps, and uphill walking brought them into contact with the white stucco houses, complimented with blue shutters and doors. The shutters, which actually closed, enabled the women to look down on the streets without being seen. Mrs. Lexow said they saw no native women on the streets or working in souvenir stalls.

The tourists were not allowed to enter the mosque dating back to 1437 but they did get pictures of the minaret, which is reputed to be the most beautiful one in Tunis. The Bardo Museum, which has the largest collection of mosaics in the world. Walls, ceilings, and even the floors were covered with different designs

and colors. The huge souk in Tunis was a tempting place to shop with its wonderful displays of everything imaginable. One had to keep track of how he reached the narrow, winding aisles or he would be completely lost.

Barcelona, Spain, was another stop and they visited the large Church of La Sagrada Familia started by Antonio Gaudi in 1882 but which is still unfinished. It has no roof.

On one street where they were walking, their guide said that there were a large number of levels below them in addition to a subway and a railroad.

While they were in the area, they traveled by bus to Palma de Majorca, a popular tourist destination where they shopped for reasonably priced pearl jewelry, inspected a nearby bull ring, and had dinner; colorfully costumed Flamenco dancers were the entertainment on the ancient Majorcan estate.

The last port of call was Marseilles, France, which the Greeks visited in the 6th Century B.C. The tourists climbed 100 steps to reach the Basilica of Notre-Dame de la Garde which dates back to the 9th century. The steeple is topped with a golden virgin statue, and the inside walls are covered with framed pictures of ships and their crews giving thanks for their safe return from sea journeys. Another stop was made at the Palais Longchamps, which featured beautiful flowers and fountains, and is now a museum.

Returning to Rome, the Lexow family visited the Roman Forum, Emperor Hadrian's mausoleum, and the colosseum, the site of the old-time gladiators' and beasts' battles. They visited the ornate, white monument to Victor Emmanuel called "The Wedding Cake."

Their last gestures were to throw coins into the Trevi fountain, which according to legend, assures their return to Rome. Perhaps the legend is true, for this was the Lexow's third trip to the city.

Guests present at the Travelers Abroad meeting were Richard Duff and Suzanne and John Donaldson. Members attending were Kathleen Kalchoff, Helen Stumpe, Josephine Beatty, Lillian Delp, Betty Williams, Pat Thomas, Georgia Engleke, Fred Feldworth, James Hayes, Marlott Schocker, Rose Marie Schmidt, Stephanie Ruzic, Ann Pieper, Margie O'Neill, Helen Lilly, Marlean and Gordon Hankla, Gen and Joe Hill, Jeanette and Charles James, and Eleanor and Charles Schweizer.

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Art Voellinger

Shot clock to make debut in East tourney

Annually this corner tries to pass along rules changes for the high school basketball season. While there's little to be concerned with in 1996-97, that does not mean the Illinois High School Association is sitting still.

After speaking with Dennis Bechtold, the assistant athletic director at Belleville East, it appears that school's invitational in January will be a testing ground that may lead to future changes.

Specifically, the eight-team affair will feature: 1. a 35-second shot clock, 2. 18-minute halves (no quarters) and 3. alternating lane positions for free throws.

"It definitely will stir interest," Bechtold said of the experiments that not only have the blessing of the IHSA but also of the National Federation of High Schools.

Originally, Bechtold, who has been associated with the East tourney since its inception in 1969, approached IHSA executive assistant Don Robinson with a plea to try the 35-second shot clock, a fact mentioned here last season.

However, Robinson not only agreed with the shot clock but thought East the ideal place to try the other experiments.

"The 18-minute halves really should affect the game," Bechtold said of the move which will extend regulation time from four eight-minute quarters.

"There's going to be more substituting and more kids will get to play," Bechtold said of the additional four minutes of play.

As a former high school and collegiate player, I've always considered the 32 minutes of the high school game too short when compared with the 40 of college ball. Yet, I really showed my age when I told Bechtold that I recall playing high school ball when some courts had an H and a V painted along the free throw lane to indicate positions during free throws.

"I've had people tell me they have no memory of that," said Bechtold, while adding that the IHSA is very interested in the effect of the change from having the non-shooting team occupy the first two (bottom) spots along the foul lane during free throws.

The H represents Home team and V means Visitor, with the result being alternating positions from the bottom spots toward the free throw shooter.

Bechtold did not indicate if H's and V's would be taped to the East court but added: "It really could get interesting late in the game if a team needed to intentionally miss a free throw in order to gain possession for a shot."

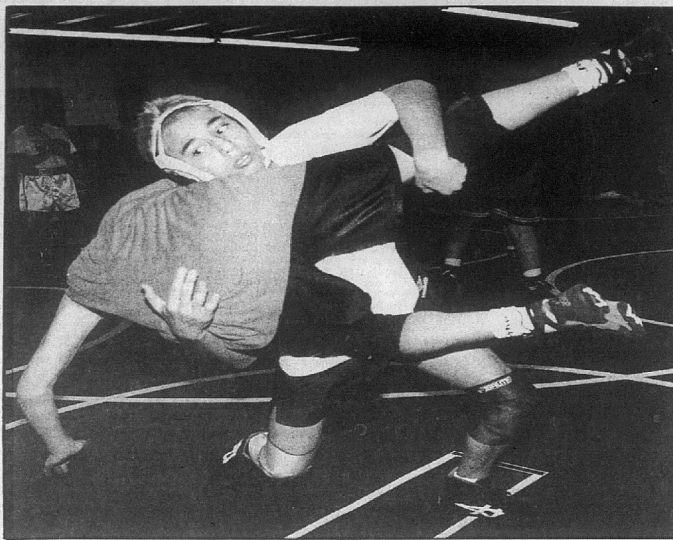
Meanwhile, the shot clock and 18-minute halves are intriguing. Here's a tip of my hat to Bechtold and the IHSA for trying something different at midseason when basketball interest need not wane.

OVERTIME: Teams entered in the East Invitational include Althoff, West, Cahokia, Carbondale, Highland, O'Fallon and Mehlville. Bechtold gave no indication of any change in the length of overtime periods.

Before concentrating on defending its invitational, East will enter another spotlight, Dec. 15, in a scheduled 9:30 p.m. game against Minneapolis North in the final game of the two-day St. Louis Shootout at Kiel Center.

This season's tribute to the marketing genius of Keith and Maggie Pickett of Columbia features seven defending state champions and three runners-up. Five teams were ranked in the nation's Top 20 of preseason polls.

In 15 years of the Shootout, a total of 29 players have been drafted by the NBA, a total of 39 teams that participated in the Shootout, and 100 teams in the state tournament.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Gary Oxford Jr. takes down Dan Robinson at wrestling practice.

PSG's Moore hired as CBA Properties head

The Continental Basketball Association has named Belleville native Mike Moore as director of development and CBA Properties. Moore will be responsible for developing sponsorships, a league television partnership and promoting CBA Properties.

Prior to joining the CBA, Moore served as co-executive director of the Prairie State Games with his wife Maureen from 1992-94. In that capacity, he was in charge of the administration and promotion of 23 sports at 30 different venues for nearly 8,000 athletes. He served on the board of directors of the Illinois Health & Physical Fitness Foundation, with state legislators, and organized Illinois' largest amateur sports festival.

Moore created the advertising campaign and directed the publication of application books, souvenir programs and television commercials. He dealt with the media in all prospects of the Prairie State Games, including production of the Games' television show broadcast on SportsChannel, Prime Sports and network affiliates statewide.

"I still believe in the value and the mission of the national amateur athletic movement. However, the timing was right in making this move to the CBA," Moore said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to join CBA commissioner Steve Patterson's team in continuing to define the positive image of the league."

Prior to joining the Prairie State

Games, Moore, 47, developed the Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon in 1987. He served as vice president/general manager and was the principal owner of the privately held team sports facility.

After graduating from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, where he played college basketball and soccer, Moore held several coaching positions. He served as head soccer coach, director of intramurals and a faculty member at Belleville Area College for 10 years, where he was named NCAAA Midwest Coach of the Year in 1980. He was also head coach and admissions counselor at Tarkio (Mo.) College during the 1982-83 school year.

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Young Mascoutah tops Lady Warriors in opener

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

Granite City coach Chuck Kraus accepts part of the blame for his team's season-opening loss last Thursday to host Mascoutah in girls prep basketball.

He also hopes to gain from the 54-39 experience as the Lady Warriors (0-1) prepare for a very difficult stretch of Southwestern Conference games, beginning with next Tuesday's home opener against mighty Belleville East.

Kraus said he underestimated the youth of the Mascoutah starting lineup, which featured one junior, two sophomores and two freshmen. He gambled with his top 10 players in a double-unit rotation experiment, and the Lady Warriors appeared to be out of sync.

They hit just 25.5 percent of their shots (14-for-55), including a combined 5-of-27 ratio from two of their best potential scorers — senior wing guard Carrie Simpson and sophomore point guard Jan Shanafelt. GCHS also shot 25 percent from the free-throw line (4-for-16) and had more offensive rebounds (14) than defensive rebounds (nine).

"I thought the two teams would be more equal going into the first game," Kraus said. "I tried to split the team up in half, which was a mistake. I tried to blend the two groups as evenly as possible in terms of experience and talent level rather than putting my best five players out there at a time."

The Lady Warriors will have to be better prepared for East, a team Kraus believes will make a bid for the Class AA state quarterfinals.

"I don't think the score was a reflection on our true potential," Kraus said. "I wanted to see who my best players were because I wasn't

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Lady Warriors coach

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Ultimately, what Kraus extracted from the experience was a probable lineup for many games to come. Shanafelt, for example, scored a team-high 10 points in her first career varsity start, while freshman forward Jessica Wallace added five points off the bench with a steady all-around performance.

"Jan Shanafelt is really coming into her own, and I can see she's going to be a very good player this year," Kraus said. "She penetrated the lane very well, but they slowed her down when she got in there amongst the trees. That's what her hurt shooting percentage. Jessica Wallace was a pleasant surprise. She's a good shooter, but she didn't get very many opportunities. She's going to loosen up and start throwing them in after she gets a few more games under her belt."

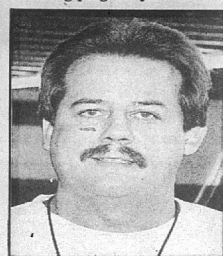
GCHS has two more tough SWC road games (See BASKETBALL, Page 2B)

Weighty matters

Garland looks for leaders to emerge from young GCHS wrestling squad

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

The concept of rebuilding and the history of the Granite City wrestling program just don't mix.



Mike Garland

they can spin a reversal on the Warriors at this apparently vulnerable stage. More questions will be answered at 6 p.m. today when the Warriors battle Centralia and Carbondale in a neutral triangular meet at Edwardsville High. Garland should get career victory No. 200 today.

"It's probably a rebuilding year, but we're not going to roll over and play dead for anybody," said Garland.

Granted, the Warriors who lost seven individual state qualifiers to graduation, including 160-pound champion John Venn (Moramee College); heavyweight runner-up Chris Janek (Warsconsin University football); and fourth-place finisher Bob Chaul set, who went 41-8 at 119 pounds. But future slammers wait in

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(Photo by T.L. WITT)



Melissa Setser gets ready to pass.

St. Louis teams fall short for first time in tourney history

By Karl Kessler
Correspondent

Destiny denied!

Perhaps nothing else better described the feeling of the CBC Cadets following Saturday afternoon's stunning 1-0 loss to Blue Springs in the Class 4A state championship soccer match at the Anheuser-Busch Conference & Sports Centre.

It also marked the first time in Mis-

souri State High School Activities Association history that a non-St. Louis-area school won either the small school (Class 1A-3A) or big school (Class 4A) title. The MSHSAA first sponsored the boys state tournament in 1969, and crowned only one champion until it tried soccer into two classifications for the 1985 season.

Throughout the match, it appeared as if it would only be a matter of time until heavily favored CBC (26-5-2) would cruise to the 6th state crown

adding a banner to titles the Cadets won in 1969, '83, '84 and '88.

After all, CBC was dominating Saturday's action, and had long since disposed of their chief rivals — namely local powers Vianey (5-0 in the district final), defending state champ DeSmet (4-0 in a sectional match), and defending state runner-up SLUH (1-0, double-overtime win in the state quarterfinals).

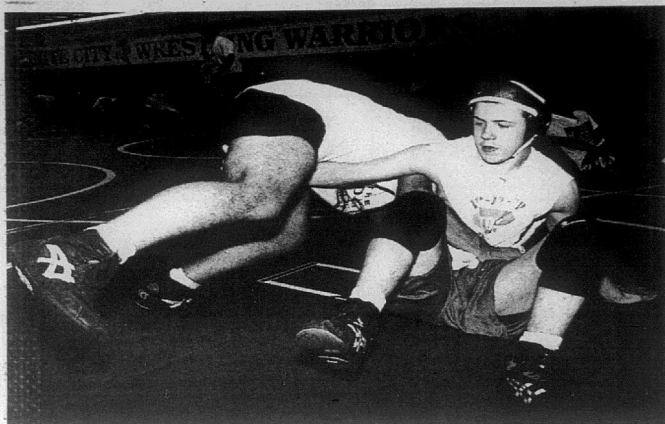
And, after easily controlling Springfield Kickapoo 2-0 in Friday night's

semifinal match, the state title was considered a sure bet for the Cadets.

It wasn't a question of whether or not CBC would win. Instead, speculation centered on how many goals the Cadets would score.

Would they take it easy on the Wildcats (18-6-3)? Or, would the match become a lopsided affair with a three-goal or worse margin? For instance, Blue Springs lost 8-0 in the state semifinals to SLUH last year.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Jonah Janek, right, wrestles Brooks Narvez.

•Wrestle

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line at Garland's program. "Our goals are still set very high," Garland said. "This isn't the first time we've had to so-called rebuild. It just depends if we're going to rebuild or reload." Area coaches won't believe a GCHS dropout until they see it, anyway. Garland's nine-year record of 198-34-1 reflects an ability to quickly inspire the next generation. At this time last year, he was supposed to suffer the losses of 1994-95 seniors T.J. Slay (130 state champion), Tony Buchek (171 runner-up) and Tim Fulker-son (4th at 112), among others. But up stepped seniors Kevin Feigenbutz (185), Jeff Estrada (145), Jason Wilson (150), Joe Scott (171) and John Sellers (189) to help Venne, Janek and Chaussett to win regional and sectional titles last year. Now that class is gone. "Unlike in past years, we have no returning state champs or state place-winners or even state qualifiers," said Garland, showing slightly more concern. "We can be beaten at times because of our youth. We need to see a lot more intensity in the workout room. We haven't had any leaders emerge yet." Another setback is the unexpected demotions of junior Adam Dunnivant, who went 21-18 last year at 103; senior Mike Glover, who went 27-17 at 125; and heavyweight Nick Campbell, who labored the last three years in Janek's shadow. All three failed to make their weights for the preseason wrestle-offs. So they've lost their starting positions, for now, to inexperienced newcomers at the 112, 119 and heavyweight divisions. "I think they'll eventually crack the lineup when they start making up the practices," Garland said. "But each match that they

waste, they can't make it up." The top two returning grapplers are juniors John Kelly (125), who went 30-12 last year at 112, and Jonas Janek (145), who went 28-16 mostly at 135.

"It's unusual to jump up two weight classes, so I don't know yet if Kelly will drop to 119 or not," Garland said. "I'll leave it up to him. Jonas Janek's probably the best of our veterans because he came within a point of going to state. He has the muscle to step up to 145."

Senior Dave Thompson (152) also saw considerable varsity action last year and qualified for the individual sectional meet. Junior Ike Newman (160) wrestled more than 20 varsity bouts at 171 and is back down to his more comfortable weight. Beyond that, the Warriors are mostly newcomers or promoted junior varsity wrestlers. The J.V. Warriors were 15-1, however.

Freshman Gary Oxford takes over at 103 pounds after building his reputation with sumo time honors in the Granite City Wrestling Club's youth program. He reached the state finals of the '96 Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation Tournament, as did freshman George Kirgan, now the starter at 171.

Sophomore Ben Lofink will start at 112 pounds after going 1-1 in two varsity matches as a freshman. Freshman cross country standout Dan Robinson takes over at 119 pounds, while junior Matt Werner (130) and sophomore Ryan Worthen (135) are up from winning J.V. seasons.

Sophomores Brooks Narvez (140) and Kevin Venne (189) step in at competitive weight classes. Without Campbell, the Warriors are unstable at heavyweight with Ben Temple scheduled to move away to Florida within the next two weeks.

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Locally, Moore is a member of the St. Louis Sports Commission and is president of the Illi-

nois Health & Sports Foundation. He served on the committee responsible for constructing a track and soccer complex on the SIUE campus for the 1994 U.S. Olympic Sports Festival.

The CBA, which has its headquarters in St. Louis, is the official developmental league of the National Basketball Association.

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Of course, all the wondering and guessing meant nothing.

Neither did it matter that the Cadets man-handled the Wildcats in the midfield, or that CBC senior Jon Thien blanketed Ari Rodopoulos (24 goals through district play), hardly allowing the high-scoring senior a chance to touch the ball.

What mattered most was the ability of Blue Springs' defense to fend off dozens of potentially dangerous plays by the Cadets. In particular, sophomore goalie Todd Barnhart, a starter since the second match of his freshman season, came up with sensational stops, especially late in the match when CBC launched a furious offensive at him.

"If their goalie was anything less than he was today, we'd have had a few goals," CBC coach Terry Michler said.

"But sports aren't always fair, and the best team doesn't always win. You have to give Blue Springs credit. They put one in, and, give them even more credit because they kept us out."

"Ninety-nine-point-nine percent of the people here today gave us no chance of winning," Blue Springs coach Doug McLagan said after the match.

"Maybe they're the better team, and maybe they had the better chances, but this is a funny game sometimes."

"I don't know how many times in 10 we'd beat them, but this was the one that counted." CBC's superior firepower on display throughout the afternoon, as evidenced by a 23-3 advantage in shots on goal and a 10-2 edge in corner kicks.

When Blue Springs senior Sam Murdy knocked a pass from sophomore Brian Defoe

beyond the reach of CBC goalie Mike Gallagher with 24 minutes 20 seconds left in the second half, all of the other numbers were rendered meaningless.

"You don't get any nines or 10s for style or ball movement," Michler said. "It's the final score that counts."

"We played well, and created a lot of opportunities. But that didn't make it in the end." CBC senior and leading scorer Ryan Ferguson voiced similar thoughts. "Today, the dominating team didn't win," he said. "Unfortunately, this is the fourth year in a row this kind of thing has happened."

CBC has had its share of post-season disappointments in the last four years, despite dominating regular season records. The Cadets' overall record from 1993 through 1996 is 100-10-7, easily the best in the area. But the Cadets were bumped off by Parkway South in a '93 sectional match, and lost in the district final to DeSmet in each of the past two seasons.

"This is probably the toughest loss I've ever had," Ferguson said. "It's tough because we had so much heart this year, and we came together so well as a team in the middle of the season. Then, to come up short at the end of the season like this isn't easy."

"Some of my greatest memories ever will come from these past four years though."

CBC had the pressure of high expectations to deal with, too.

"I don't think people realize how much pressure the kids have been under," Michler said.

"To go through what we did earlier in the tournament (against DeSmet and SLU) and then be told by so many people that you were going to win something that hadn't even been played yet makes it difficult."

Ferguson agreed.

"I think we were ready to play, but I think we felt the pressure, too," he said.

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after East, visiting Edwards-ville on Dec. 5 and Belleville West on Dec. 10. After that are two physical opponents in visiting St. Louis Riverview Gardens on Dec. 12 and host Alton of the SWC on Dec. 13. By then, Kraus will have a clearer picture of whether or not to go overhauled for future rebuilding.

"It looks like our starting lineup going into the Belleville East game will be Shanefelt at point guard; Carrie Simpson and the other senior, Mandy Rolay, on the wings; and Wallace and (junior) Kara Coleman in the low post," Kraus said. "Those are the five who stepped up against Mascoutah and look like they are going to

be our leaders."

Simpson was held to two points, but Kraus said she is working out some mechanical problems in her shooting motion. A team co-captain along with senior Kelley Johnson, Simpson averaged nearly 10 points per game as a junior.

"She's making some adjustments in her shot which we worked on right after the game," Kraus said. "We'll have to get her going, no doubt. We're also going to need to have (forwards) Becky Gehling and Stephanie Brandt come around and play better. Our overall defense was solid, and our press was great. We just didn't block out at all on the boards. We can't afford that with our lack of size."

Kraus said it was encouraging that GCHS trailed by only

nine points at halftime, considering their forgettable shooting numbers. He said his team might have won had Mascoutah not been allowed many second and third put-back shots during a clinching third-quarter rally.

"I'm glad to see we didn't open against somebody that would have crushed us," Kraus said. "The girls still have their confidence. I told them after the game that I was proud of how hard they worked. We're not going to panic over the first game."

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The Dorris Comanches captured the Collinsville fifth grade girls basketball tournament this month by defeating the Jefferson Panthers 16-8. The leading scorers were Kendra Gavlick of Dorris and Jefferson's Krista Cawvey and Angela Caselli of Jefferson, each with four points. In the third place game, Ms. Laswell's class from Kreitner School defeated Webster 14-8. In the consolation game, Mrs. Oatman's class from Kreitner defeated Hollywood Heights 6-2. Team members for Dorris, coached by John Burris, include Samantha Bugger, Faith Paskero, Julie Murphy, Magen Locke, Dani Petty, Kendra Gavlick, Tiffany Hasamear and Tiffany Oliver.

Sports shorts

Nova Stars tryouts

Tryouts for the Nova Stars Soccer Club U-18 boys select team, for players born Aug. 1, 1978 to July 31, 1979, will be held at the following times and locations:

— 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at the EASC fields at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

— 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26 at East End Park in Wood River.

Each player should bring a small, current school picture, a copy of his birth certificate and his social security number. For more information, call (314) 231-1688 during the day or 259-0186 or 259-4139 in the evening.

Call the hotline at 258-1691 for changes of tryout time, date and location.

Volleyball tryouts

The Granite City Volleyball club will conduct tryouts Dec. 1 in the small gym at Granite City High School.

Tryouts for girls age 14 and under will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tryouts for girls ages 15, 16 or 17 (and under) will be from 5-8 p.m.

A parent or guardian must accompany all girls who try out. For more information, call Mike Harris at 452-2317.

Anyone at 258-1691 of

age who is interested in coaching may also contact Harris.

Adult basketball league

The Granite City Park District is starting a 35-and-older basketball league. Games will be played on Wednesday evenings at Prather Elementary School or Grigsby Middle School. The league is open to players 35 years old during the current calendar year.

Registration is now being taken, and the fee is \$230 per team. Anyone interested in the program should contact the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

Boys basketball tournament

The annual KMOX Metro Collegian Boys Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-29. There are divisions for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade teams, with a three-game minimum.

For more information, call Joe at (314) 849-0498 or Bryan at (314) 291-3521.

Gateway tryouts

The Gateway Basketball Club will hold tryouts for a 10-and-under boys team Monday, Dec. 2.

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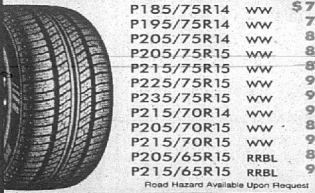
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paper and make a Holiday Spending Plan. Who wants to budget their money? Possibly no one. But

rather than worry about not having enough money or spending too much or spending what you really don't have, just think how great you'll feel when your income actually covers all your expenses.

Impossible? No. Developing and following a Holiday Spending Plan will help you manage your money so that your income matches your expenditures.

First, write down how much money you really have to spend on the holidays. Be realistic and honest with yourself. Then, make lists of what you would like to spend the money on. On one list, write the names of all the people you want to do something for dur-

ing the holidays, remember to include not only family members but also other special people as well — boss, co-workers, teachers, babysitter, mail carrier, etc.

Make other lists to include needed holiday decorations, foods or clothes you and other family members will need. (Already telling yourself, "this will never work? Stay with me.")

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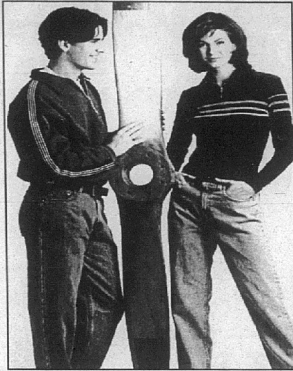
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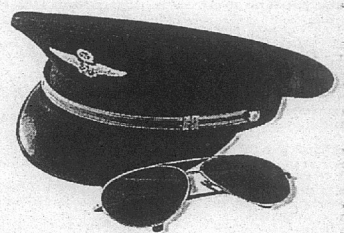
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Don't give pets for Christmas

By Ellen Drenkhahn
Correspondent

What could be more perfect for Christmas than a little puppy with big brown eyes? Or a soft cuddly kitten?

Just imagine the look of delight on Susie's face or the squeal of joy from Johnny when they find a brand-new pet under the Christmas tree.

Nothing could be more fun than playing with a frisky puppy, frolicking through the wrapping paper and ribbons, or sitting by the fire with a cuddly kitten in one's lap. One can almost imagine this scene, like one of Norman Rockwell's Americana prints.

But wait...

Local experts actually advise against buying into the nostalgia hype. Most agree that pets should not be given as gifts.

"Buying a pet as a Christmas gift is a bad idea. There is so much commotion and excitement going on around the holidays that it really isn't the best time to introduce a new pet into that environment. Everything is strange and the pet can become easily confused, scared, and impossible to house train," said Debbie Bumgartner, president of the Humane Society of Collinsville.

Young pets need a lot of attention and care to make the transition from the kennel to the home. That change is best made when the household is calm and the pet can receive all the attention it needs, added Bumgartner.

Buying an animal for someone else is a big mistake, too, according to veterinarian David Hall of Creekwood Animal Clinic in Collinsville.

"Even if you know that someone wants a pet, don't take it upon yourself to go out and buy a pet. Being a pet owner is a big responsibility. To be successful, someone has to go out and seek that responsibility for themselves, and not have it fostered upon them by some well-meaning friend," Hall said.

Hall said he has seen firsthand what can happen in these situations.

"If someone does not willingly want to be a pet owner, it is the animal who suffers from neglect. The pets are not cared for properly. They (pets) don't get their vaccinations, they develop heart worms, skin conditions, foot problems, and so on. Often times, several months down the road in July or August, these gifted pets end up at animal shelters," Hall said.

One of the biggest mistakes parents make is in buying pets for their children for the wrong reason.

"Many times parents will buy a dog, or a cat, or a guinea pig, or whatever, to help teach their children responsibility. Before you do this, have a contingency plan that includes taking 100 percent care of this animal when your children fail to do so. If you're not willing to take charge, don't get the pet," Hall said.

Because dogs, like people, have individual personality traits, behaviors, and needs, choosing the perfect pet is not an easy task.

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Traditional furniture encompasses 17th, 18th and 19th-century designs. Sometimes called "court furniture," much of it was designed for Europe's royal

ty and has been associated with formality and elegance. Examples of traditional furniture are the English Queen Anne and Victorian and the French Louis XIV, XV and XVI.

American Traditional, also called 18th-century American, is a semi-formal look adapted from elaborate English and French court styles to fit the simpler, less ceremonial Colonial American way of life.

Country or Provincial While elegant, formal furniture was being created for royalty, simplified versions were produced for those liv-

ing in the provinces, thus the style was dubbed Provincial.

Colonial and Early American furniture, which could be called American Provincial, was influenced by English and French Provincial furniture.

But Colonial living conditions forced American furniture makers to produce simple, functional styles. Ladder-back chairs with cane and rush seats were popular, as were trestle tables, simple chests and corner cupboards.

Shaker-style furniture greatly influenced the American furniture styles of the time. Developed from the mid-1700s to the mid-1800s by the religious sect of the same name, Shaker furniture features clean, simple lines. Craftsmanship was the primary concern. The Shakers used only the best lumber—all knot-free solid wood—10" craft, simple, well-proportioned pieces.

Contemporary The third general classification of furniture is contemporary. This style fuses simple forms like soft curves and rounded edges with beautiful woods, either stained or left natural.

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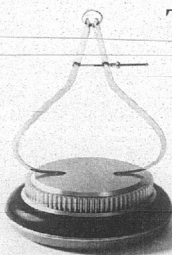
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When we have to spend Christmas alone, it's only natural that we feel isolated, lonely and somewhat down. Still, "alone" doesn't have to mean "lonely."

A lot of people find that keeping busy with holiday activities helps them chase the blues away. Window shopping, doing volunteer work and preparing and mailing small gifts to far away friends are some of the ways they can join in the spirit of the season. Local religious organizations may also have events planned for those who will be alone during the holidays.

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Delta Kappa Gamma — From left to right are Barbara Esker, Pat Moore, Connie Balen, Betty Andrews, Laura Pruett and Marlene Barach.

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 With emotion high under the stars and much work ahead, you may start haggard by day's end. With help, lighten your load. It is important part of a group. Warmth and co-workers have more than your life.

ARIES (Mar.)
 Favorite friend's reassurance supports your ventures steadily. Examine utmost care. A your help will issue.

TAURUS (Apr.)
 You have an important detail you will suffice. Promises are kept their workers with social event is romance.

GEMINI (May)
 Outrageous and fabulous. Surprise. Make drive in your love life a friend falls in. Go with it.

Than

By Kevin Carbo Staff writer

Thanksgiving, been my favorite. Naturally, I I cacies associated but my fondness beyond being myself with. And while I am fan, that is on son for me to s.

What stands that Thanksgiving paced than me major holiday more time to family.

Compare it to example. Sure are all together but there is so there is little talk. Between around screaming noises of all you almost need to be heard on a joyful time.

New Year's fun time, but a loud, active you celebrate home or in a ally still have music.

Easter is no Christmas, but activities such hunts for the get their banks busy for the r noon downing bunnies and eggs.

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Thursday, Nov. 28
With emotions still running high under the Cancer moon and much work to be done, you may start to feel a little haggard by day's end. Reconciling with love ones could help lighten your emotional load. It is important to feel part of a group. Foster feelings of warmth among friends and co-workers. You really have more than one family in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Favorite friends misinterpret your actions. Telephone calls reassure supporters. New business ventures go slowly but steadily. Examine rumors with utmost care. A Gemini needs your help with a personal issue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You have overlooked one important detail. Redo work or you will suffer financially. Promises are reliable. People keep their word. Supply co-workers with pertinent facts. A social event is the spot for new romance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Outrageous suggestions are fabulous. Surprises are fortunate. Make dramatic changes in your love life. The friend of a friend falls in love with you. Look at your feelings. Concen-

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trate on your physical health. **CANCER (June 22-July 22)**
Denials are only temporary. Some goal you thought was impossible is actually workable. Boycott activities that go against your beliefs. Debts are repaid with a firm attitude from you. A relative offers assistance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You are the master manipulator. Set an example for children. At work, your skills are not being utilized. Ask for a transfer to a new department. Group affiliations are vital. Your stubborn attitude only holds up progress.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 28)
You have more personal power this year than any other year. Make the most of it by

being streamlined in your efforts. Love that feels worn out gets a major revival in February or April. A career switch made in March leads to financial gains in June. An investment is best if it's made in late summer, after all the information has been examined.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A victory in the morning has you feeling smug. Quiet associates operate behind the scenes. Be extra nice to new employees, as they have more power than you suspect. Confide in your current love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Even though it is hard to see, someone close to you is manipulating you. Foreign matters offer opportunities. Do not believe romantic promises that are made in moments of passion unless you see proof of some sort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Restore your confidence by acting swiftly in a time of crisis. Make a decision. Admirers lend money or goods. Tricky business dealings should be simplified. A Virgo or Cancer enlists your creative side.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Detach yourself from an emotional matter or you'll

make bad decisions. Superiors want to help you today. In love, sensitivity aids communication—especially with Gemini. Relax and listen to music or read.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You need a change of pace. Recreation improves your work. Willpower gets you what you want or whom you want. Select companions with an eye toward business. An Aries or Scorpio invites you out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Trade information with a former adversary. Social contacts improve your business knowledge. Dependence on your marriage partner stifles your growth. Separations end. An outdoor event should be attended.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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(Kevin Carbery can be heard as a member of "The KMOX Trivia Party" radio show from 8 to 11 p.m. Sundays on KMOX (1120).

Thanksgiving is pleasant holiday

By Kevin Carbery
Staff writer

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. Naturally, I love all the delicacies associated with the day, but my fondness for it goes beyond being reliable staff myself with turkey and pie. And while I am a big football fan, that is only another reason for me to enjoy the day.

What stands out for me is that Thanksgiving is slower-paced than many of the other major holidays, so there is more time to visit with your family.

Compare it to Christmas, for example. Sure, the relatives are all together at that time, but there is so much going on there is little time to sit and talk. Between the kids running around screaming and the noises of all their new toys, you almost need a megaphone to be heard over the din. It is a joyful time, but it is awfully busy.

New Year's Eve is another fun time, but it, too, is usually a loud, active night. Whether you celebrate in someone's home or in a club, you generally still have to chat over the music.

Easter is not as hectic as Christmas, but there are still activities such as Easter egg hunts for the kids. After they get their baskets, the kids are busy for the rest of the afternoon downing their chocolate bunnies and marshmallow eggs.

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This week's trivia deals with Thanksgiving and related topics. I hope all of you enjoy your Thanksgiving Day.

1. Within three years, what year was Thanksgiving first celebrated as a national holiday in the United States?

2. Thanksgiving is celebrated in what month in Canada?

3. The television show "WKRP in Cincinnati" had what I consider to be the best Thanksgiving-themed episode. Which two characters tossed turkeys from a helicopter in the episode, with terrible results?

4. Another sitcom with a top Thanksgiving show was "Cheers." In which character's home was the "food fight" Thanksgiving party held?

5. Which of the founding fathers of the country wanted the turkey to be the national symbol instead of the eagle?

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Calendar

Our event calendar also includes entries for community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and deletions of information are encouraged, and new entries may be added at anytime by calling the newsroom at 876-2000.

This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St. in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens bingo, noon, 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4 Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

Al-Anon, 7:15 p.m. Gateway Foundation, 600 W. Lincoln Ave., Caseyville. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Pontoon Beach, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

Divorced and Separated Group Ministry, 7:30 p.m., Eden United Church of Christ, 903 Second Street, Edwardsville.

Parents Anonymous Group, meets 6 to 8 p.m. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Landolt, 482-2714.

Madison Community Action Group, meets at 7 p.m. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Thursday, Nov. 28

Modern Woodmen of America Life Insurance Society meets at 5 p.m. at Ravnelli's Restaurant.

Venice Park Board, 6:30 p.m., Venice Recreation Center, 451-7201.

Chouteau Township Senior Citizens, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

Eagle Park Acre Seniors of Madison meet from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear).

Eagle Park Acres, Madison. Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 2363, 6:45 p.m. at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For information, 797-6351 or 877-2784.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa, 463-2429.

Narcotics Anonymous, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-0409.

Friday, Nov. 29

Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. in

the Milonski Room in the basement at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Friday Afternoon Pinochle Club for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

STEMSS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), A support group for people with mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

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Memorial believes that support groups provide an opportunity for patients, along with their families and friends to discuss uncertainties and learn to place them in perspective. Better than any other technique, talking in a support group with people who share common problems, helps them understand that they are not alone.

The following is information about Memorial-sponsored support groups. For more information about these groups, call the Community Relations Department at 257-5649.

DIABETES

A mutual support group comprised of people with diabetes, their families and people who have had their lives affected by diabetes. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the hospital auditorium.

FIBROMYALGIA SYNDROME

This support group is for people with fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) and their families. FMS is considered to be a widespread musculoskeletal pain and fatigue

disorder for which the cause is still unknown. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium.

HOPE

Hospital Oncology Patient and Family Education was formed to assist cancer patients, former cancer patients and people who have their lives affected by cancer. The HOPE group meets the last Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the auditorium.

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LUPUS

This support group is affiliated with the Illinois and Missouri Chapters of the Lupus Foundation of America. Meetings are held offering information and insight for coping with lupus on the third Tuesday of each month (except June - September) at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

MENDED HEARTS, INC. - BELLEVILLE CHAPTER

Mended Hearts is a volunteer organization consisting of people who have heart disease, their families, medical professionals and other interested people. Additionally, Mended Hearts members form a support group for one another, contributing emotional backing to recovering patients and their families. For more information, call Memorial's Social Service Department at 257-5420.

NU-VOICE

Conducted in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, the

Nu-Voice Club is for laryngectomies - people who have had their voice boxes (larynxes) removed.

Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information about meeting dates and times, call the Speech Pathology Department at 257-5255.

PULMONARY REHABILITATION

A group for people with diseases of the lung and their families. Individuals with chronic lung disease and their families learn about the disease, as well as share ideas and solutions to their problems. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month (except June - August) at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

YOUNG ADULT CANCER

This mutual support group was formed for young adults with cancer and their significant others who are affected by the disease. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

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Saturday, Nov. 30

Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens pot luck dinner, 5 p.m., 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.

Al-Anon Adult Children Providence, 2103 Iowa, 10 a.m., park in rear, no smoking, 452-8596.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon Adult Children, 10 a.m., Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa, Granite City, 463-2429.

Narcotics Anonymous, Acceptance, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Madison County Humane Society Adopt a Pet Day, 12 noon - 4 p.m., PetsMart, 1570 W Hwy 50, O'Fallon. Dogs-\$50; cats-\$30. For more information call 656-4405 or 344-0109.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Midwestern United States Imperial Dance Club (MUSIC) will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville.

The public is invited for dance lessons and open dancing at a cost of \$4 for nonmember and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2406.

The Pontoon Beach Jaycees regular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open and the public is invited.

Senior Social Club, meets at the Township Hall, doors open at 12:30 p.m., bingo and games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Narcotics Anonymous, Live the Steps, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pascal Hall, main floor, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 Bingo, 1 p.m. at the Nameoki Bingo Center. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffles.

Old Six Mile Museum, 327 Maryville Road, Granite City, is open to the public each Sunday from 1-4 p.m. through December 15. Special tours for groups are available. Call Georgia Engelke, 931-3023, to arrange a tour or call 931-1352 for more information.

Monday, Dec. 2

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 Auxiliary, 1417 19th St., Granite City, 876-7816, 8 p.m.

Quad City Youth Fellowship Adult Board, 2257 Cleveland, 7 p.m., 931-3480 or 877-4949.

Metro East Landlord's Association meets at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

Camera Explorers Club, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., call Beverly Zager, 254-9394.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 463-2429.

Chemical Dependency Relapse Prevention group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive in Edwardsville. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 798-3888.

First Place, a Christ-centered nutrition program, meets from 6 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2041 Delmar Ave. in Granite City.

Neglected Victims of Child Sexual Abuse, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Southern Illinois Uni-

versity at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 692-2197 for details.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m., Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City; 876-2124.

TOPS 11, 645, 7 p.m., Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Diabetes Support Group, 1 to 3 p.m., President's Room, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3456.

Macedonian Bulgarian Ladies Aide Society meets at 12:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Eastern Orthodox Church, 1300 Grand, Madison, for regular monthly meeting.

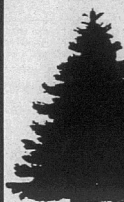
Alliance for the Mentally III of Madison County, (AMI) meets 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mental Health Clinic, 50 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information call 798-3604.

Elkettes, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, 931-3557, 7 p.m.

Granite City Unit, Madison County Homemakers Extension Association, noon, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7026 or 931-3735.

Madison County Legal Secretaries Association, meets at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 463-4400.

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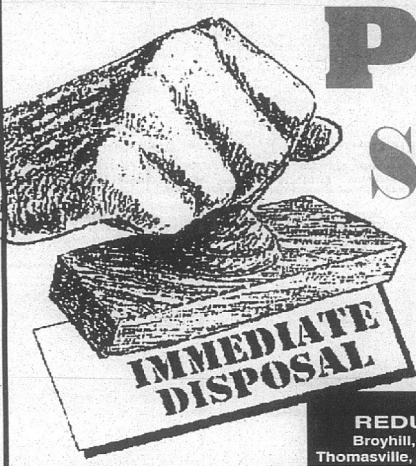
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By Mark Ho Staff writer

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By Scott, Co Staff writer

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Today's Food

Students say thanks with giant feast

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

In many ways, Kathy Neu's students at Abraham Lincoln School in Belleville are typical. They enjoy having a good time, laughing and talking. But Neu's student's — who range from 3 to 9 years old — face many unique challenges each day.

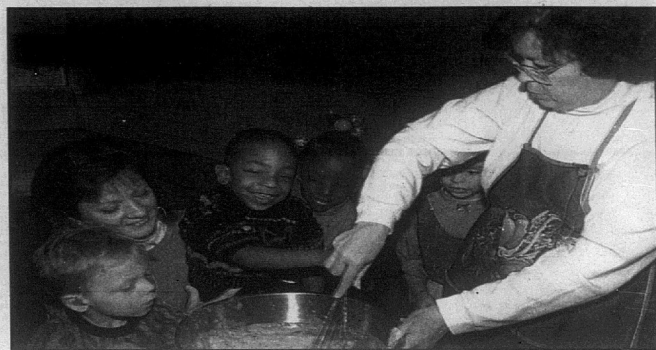
"They all have anywhere from mild to profound hearing losses," Neu said. The students, however, don't let their impediments get them down. In fact, the 13 hearing impaired students at Abraham Lincoln and nine at Henry Rath School in Belleville, prepared a special Thanksgiving feast last week.

The students, with the help of their teachers and aides, prepared and served the feast to the people who have helped them achieve success. Neu called the meal a "complete success."

The students prepared a variety of foods.

"We made two pumpkin pies and a cranberry-apple bread," said Amye Wacholtz, 7.

The students also prepared



(Staff photo by MARK HODAPP) Abraham Lincoln School teacher Kathy Neu helps Tommy White, Tyree Jackson, Mary Elizabeth Markey, Brittini Bell, and Jessica Gibbs make a pumpkin pie.

such traditional Thanksgiving foods like stuffing. They even

made homemade apple sauce. "We also made two large

turkeys," said 7-year-old Jessica Gibbs.

"Cooking gives the kids a whole language learning experience. Cooking also builds a lot of confidence in the students."

— Kathy Neu
Abraham teacher

Neu, who has been a teacher for 26 years, said District 118 began preparing the annual

The students also set the tables and drew a special poster for their party which was served in Abraham Lincoln's gymnasium.

Among the guests who were invited to the sit-down dinner included District 118 principals, special education administrators, audiologists, and members of the the Belleville Midtown Lions and Lioness Clubs.

feast 24 years ago as a learning tool.

"Cooking gives the kids a whole language learning experience," she said. "Cooking also builds a lot of confidence in the students."

For example, cooking is a good way to teach student's math concepts, she said.

In addition, after each cooking assignment, the students will write a story about what they learned.

The hearing impaired program offered at District 118 is commonly referred to as a total commitment program.

It includes signing all words that are spoken, finger spelling (commonly known as the alphabet) and auditory training.

The students said they are thankful for a lot of things.

"I am thankful for food," said Wacholtz. Gibbs said she was thankful for people.

"I am also thankful for my mom and dad," she said.

Be creative with leftover bird

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

When it comes to Thanksgiving, most people think of turkey and football.

On the day after Thanksgiving — it's turkey and going back to work or going shopping.

The day after that — turkey. And the day after that — you guessed it.

But instead of a parade of turkey sandwiches, with a little ingenuity cooks can come up with something a little different.

"There are a lot of ways you can prepare leftover turkey," said Chef Ollie Sommer of the Hospitality and Food Management Program at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus.

One day last week Sommer, who was accepted into the national Chef's Hall of Fame last year and had been voted the number one chef in America by the American Academy of Chefs, was helping students serve a Turkey dinner for about 40 people.

Sommer said the most important thing is to separate the turkey from the bones as soon as possible and then keep the meat refrigerated until used.

"The main thing is to keep it chilled so no bacteria sets in," he said. "You can take the bones, put them in a pot with

some onions, celery and carrots, and make a nice broth or a turkey noodle soup."

He said turkey stock can be substituted for chicken stock. Turkey stock has a stronger taste, and he suggested using it instead of chicken stock in spicier dishes.

"When you get a highly seasoned dish you can't tell the difference between a turkey stock and a chicken stock," he said.

Other leftover suggestions are turkey croquettes and turkey hash.

Dressing can also be saved, but proper precautions must be taken.

"If you cook it inside of the turkey, discard it," he said. "Don't keep it because you have some of the juices that came out of the bird and will cause it to spoil very fast."

"I always cook dressing on the side and serve it with the turkey," he added. "If you do that keep it refrigerated and you can heat it back up."

He said oysters and other special ingredients can also make dressing spoil very fast.

"I like to put apples and raisins in my dressing," Sommer said. "That causes it to spoil very fast too because of the acids in the fruit you put in it. But normally it will keep a day or two after Thanksgiving."

He said one good way to serve leftover dressing is a

dressing patty. "Take it just like you would leftover mashed potatoes," he said. "You can scoop it out, pat it out and fry it in a saute pan."

TURKEY AU GRATIN

4 cups cooked turkey
1 1/2 cups cream sauce
6 artichoke bottoms, canned
6 tbsp. butter
1/2 cup Swiss cheese, grated
salt and pepper to taste
Chop the turkey very fine. Prepare the cream sauce, which should be thick and smooth. Season the sauce with salt and pepper to taste.

Chop the artichoke bottoms fine. Place five tbsp. butter in a small pan over medium heat. When butter is melted, add the chopped artichoke bottoms and cook for five minutes, then remove from heat.

Place the chopped cooked turkey into a small casserole dish and cover the turkey with the artichoke bot-

oms and cream sauce. Sprinkle the casserole with cheese and dot with remaining butter.

Place the casserole in a 400 degree oven for 10 minutes or until brown. Makes about six servings.

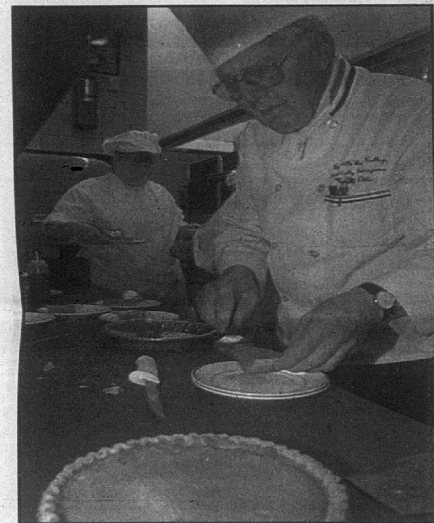
TURKEY & PASTA SALAD

8 oz. pasta
1 1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
20 oz. turkey meat (cut into strips)
3 oz. snow pea pods (18-20 pods), blackened and cut julienne-style
2 oz. Black sliced black olives
4 oz. Cherry tomatoes, halved

Cook pasta until about three-fourths done (al dente), then chill.

Combine mayonnaise, buttermilk and Italian seasonings — mixing together well.

Add the turkey, snow pea pods, black olives and tomatoes, then toss lightly with the pasta.



(Photo by JOHN FRESSE) Chef Ollie Sommer knows his way around turkeys and pumpkin pies.

Millstadt's Julia Childs takes turkey to heart

By Marge Wilson
Staff writer

Doris Huwer of Millstadt has been cooking Thanksgiving turkeys for 30 to 40 years.

With this kind of background, it's natural that she's come up with lots of ideas for reincarnation of the bird.

This year she'll be cooking the "second day's" dinner for either Friday or Saturday for one of her sons and his family. It may or may not be a turkey, but if it is, she has a lot of ideas for dinners for the third, fourth and fifth days and beyond.

"They're very easy recipes, as simple as you can get — and delicious," she said.

Three of her favorites are turkey enchiladas, Easy-Does-It Turkey Quiche and turkey loaf. The enchiladas have had a post-holiday spot on her table for five years, the quiche for 10 years and the turkey loaf for "as long as I can remember."

Huwer, a lifelong Millstadt resident, said she loves to cook. A friend calls her the Julia Childs of Millstadt.

"That's what I love to do, is try recipes," she said.

Here are some of her after-Thanksgiving favorites:

TURKEY ENCHILADAS

1 1/2 cups cooked turkey

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— Doris Huwer
Millstadt

1 1/2 cups picante sauce
1 three-ounce package of cream cheese
1/2 cup sliced green onions
3/4 teaspoon cumin
1 1/2 cups Monterey Jack or Colby Cheese
10 flour tortillas
Shredded lettuce
Radishes
Ripe olives

Combine turkey, 1/2 cup picante sauce, cream cheese, green onion and cumin in skillet. Place over low heat until cheese is melted, stir in 1/2 cup shredded cheese. Spoon 1/3 cup mixture down center of tortilla, roll up, place seam-down in lightly greased 9x12 baking pan. Spread remaining sauce over enchiladas. Cover with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees about 20 minutes until heated through.

Use lettuce, radishes and olives for garnish.

EASY-DOES-IT TURKEY QUICHE

3 cups leftover stuffing
1 cup cooked turkey
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
4 beaten eggs
1 5 1/3-ounce can evaporated milk
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Press stuffing in 9-inch pie pan. Sprinkle turkey and cheese over stuffing. Beat eggs, milk and pepper. Pour over turkey. Bake at 350 degrees about 30-35 minutes. Garnish with tomato or salsa.

TURKEY LOAF

2 cups cooked turkey
1 cup stuffing
1/4 cup chopped parsley
2 ribs of celery
1 large grated carrot
1 small onion, grated
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 egg, beaten

Mix all together. Put into foil-lined 9x9 pan. Bake until center is firm, at 350 degrees about 40 minutes.

Recipe

SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER CITRUS SALSA

1 ear corn (3/4 cup kernels)
3 large (about 4 oz.) green tomatoes, husked, cut in half
1 tsp. water
1 orange, peeled, diced
1 tsp. finely chopped cilantro
1 tsp. oil
Grated peel and juice of 1/2 lemon
1/2 to 1 small jalapeno pepper, minced (optional)
Pinch salt

Husk corn. Remove silk and rinse. Wrap corn with clinging water in 12-inch square piece of waxed paper, twisting ends to seal. Microwave on high power 3 minutes. Set aside in waxed paper until cool enough to cut off kernels.

In small glass bowl, microwave tomatoes and 1 tablespoon water on high power 1 minute until partially cooked. Cool, drain and dice.

In bowl, combine corn, tomatoes, orange, cilantro, oil, lemon peel and juice and jalapeno pepper. Add salt.

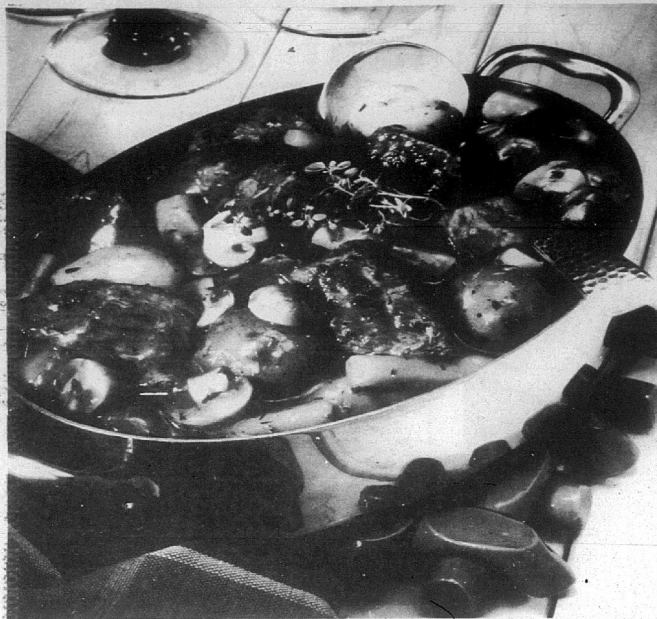
Serve at room temperature.



Doris Huwer (Photo by Paul BAILLARGEON)

Today's Food

Simmered beef stew smells warm, inviting



Burgundy Beef Stew features tender pieces of beef chuck, vegetables and a savory sauce that's a perfect warm-up on a cold evening.

Cookbook author Jim Fobel loves to cook, especially when the weather is cold outside. Fobel says one of his cool-weather favorites is Burgundy Beef Stew, "a dish that benefits the house as well as the palate. The long, slow simmering warms the kitchen, provides incredible aromas and results in a sensational stew."

Gentle simmering brings out a bigger, deeper flavor in the beef, as well as makes it fork-tender, says Fobel, author of "Jim Fobel's Big Flavors," winner of the 1996 James Beard Foundation Award for best general cookbook.

This stew is a favorite for entertaining. He makes it a day in advance, then reheats it just before serving, a handy scenario for a holiday cook.

Because the beef is teamed with carrots, potatoes, onions, and mushrooms, only simple accompaniments are needed. Fobel suggests a mixed green salad and warm crusty bread.

To make this savory one-pot meal, Fobel uses three easy steps. He browns the beef, adds liquid to cover it, then gently simmers it with a tight lid on it. He starts with economical beef chuck and cuts it in pieces, which he browns slowly and evenly.

"Don't rush this process. The browning provides rich flavor and color for the stew," Fobel says.

After browning, he adds a full-bodied red wine, bay leaves and thyme, then gently simmers the beef. The end result captures the essence of Fobel's cooking style — big flavors that are bold, complex, aromatic, assertive and exciting.

While the simmering takes time, it does not need attention, so while the stew cooks, the rest of the meal can be prepared while enjoying the wonderful aromas wafting through the house. He adds vegetables last, allowing enough time to cook them without overcooking. For dessert, Fobel serves apple tart, particularly appropriate this time of year.

- 1 tsp. dried leaf thyme
- 2 lb. small new potatoes, scrubbed
- 1 lb. small carrots, cut in 1½ inch pieces
- 8 to 10 small boiling onions, peeled
- 8 oz. medium fresh mushrooms, cut in half
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

In 5-quart Dutch oven, heat 1½ tablespoons oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add one-third beef and brown evenly, stirring occasionally. Remove with slotted spoon. Brown remaining beef in 2 batches, adding ½ tablespoon remaining oil each time.

Sprinkle flour in same pan. Cook and stir over medium heat 1 minute. Mixture will be very dry. Stir in broth, wine and tomato paste, whisking until blended. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Add garlic, bay leaves, salt, thyme and reserved beef. Cover tightly. Simmer 1½ hours or until beef is tender.

Add potatoes, carrots and onions. Cook, covered, 45 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender.

Stir in mushrooms. Simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove bay leaves. Stir in parsley.

Makes eight (1½-cup) servings; 432 calories, 34 protein, 35 g carbohydrate, 14 g fat, 577 mg sodium and 91 mg cholesterol each.

BURGUNDY BEEF STEW

- 3 lb. boneless beef chuck, cut in 1½ inch pieces
- 2½ tbsp. olive oil
- ½ cup flour
- 1 can (about 14 oz.) ready-to-serve beef broth
- 1½ cups red burgundy wine
- 2 tbsp. tomato paste
- 4 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 4 bay leaves
- 1 tsp. salt

Recipe

SOUR CREAM AND POTATO BRUNCH CASSEROLE

- 1 pkg. (20 oz.) refrigerated shredded hash brown potatoes
- 4 slices turkey bacon, cut in bite-size pieces
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
- 1 can (10½ oz.) reduced-fat cream of

- celery soup
- 1 cup nonfat sour cream
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1 cup (8 oz.) refrigerated yolk-free egg product
- 1 cup (4 oz.) reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese

In large glass mixing bowl, stir together hash browns, bacon, broccoli, soup, sour cream and milk. Microwave on medium (50 percent) power 20 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes. Stir in egg product. Spread evenly in 2½-quart oval microwave-safe casse-

role. Microwave on medium power 20 minutes, rotating pan one-quarter turn every 5 minutes.

Top with cheese. Microwave on medium power 3 minutes longer. Let stand a few minutes before serving.

Makes 8 servings; 181 calories, 12 g protein, 4 g fat, 11 mg cholesterol, 23 g carbohydrate and 499 mg sodium each.

Note: If using regular bacon or other uncooked sausage.

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by Kevin Smith
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Q: What is the best way to furnish a formal living room? Must I stay with the traditional sofa, loveseat and wing chair? Or may I use a sofa, wing chair and wooden, upholstered rocker without looking mismatched? The room also contains an antique secretary.
- Shirley Piester, O'Fallon, Ill.

A: The new trend in formal living rooms is to furnish your space with items you need — not just for looks. Assuming the room is used for more festive occasions, your seating choices are limitless. Certainly a rocker would work as long as it is in the right stain and fabric. Assuming you want to stay with a very traditional darker-stained look, I might suggest some accent pieces to match the secretary, like something open-legged. Nothing is taken as gospel anymore in formal spaces. If you want it to seat four people, bring in seating for four. If it's just you and a friend for tea, two chairs will do. It's your room.

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Today's Food

Invest a few minutes to jet for Mexican fare

Eating dinner together is an important event for many families — and a goal for even more.

One of the best ways to keep adults and children alike looking forward to a meal is an blend of conven-

nient flavors and easy preparation that can be done at least in part by different members of the family, whether they cook regularly or not.

Family favorites that use pantry basics in recipes

that take less than 30 minutes to make, yet follow nutritious eating guidelines, are goals of the quickest-cooking cook this side of the microwave.

One night trek down Mexico-way and savor that style of pizza. Another night try Sweet-and-Sour Pork Chops.

Serve fruit kabobs or Four-Fruit Salad for a simple side dish.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup coarsely crushed baked tortilla chips
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded lettuce
2 tbsp. sliced ripe olives, if desired

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease 12-inch pizza pan. In large skillet over medium heat, cook pork with taco seasoning about 10 minutes until no longer pink.

Prepare pizza crust according to package directions. Spread evenly on prepared pan.

Top evenly with salsa. Sprinkle taco meat, cheese and chips on top.

Bake in preheated oven 18 to 22 minutes until crust is golden brown.

Remove from oven. Top with lettuce and olives. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings; 312 calories, 40 mg cholesterol, 13 g fat, 695 mg sodium and 16 g protein each.

FOUR-FRUIT SALAD

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup grapes
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup orange segments
1 large apple, cut up
1 large pear, cut up

Toss together grapes, orange, apple and pear.

Serve on lettuce-lined plate with scoop of low-fat cottage cheese and reduced-fat dressing; in glass dish with scoop of sherbet on top, or in bowl topped with yogurt.

Basic fruit salad yields 4 servings; 60 calories, no fat or sodium and 2 g fiber each.

SWEET-AND-SOUR PORK CHOPS

4 pork loin chops (1 inch thick)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pineapple juice
4 pineapple rings

Mix brown sugar, soy sauce, garlic powder and pineapple juice. Place in plastic bag with pork. Marinate 1 hour or overnight.

Preheat broiler with oven rack in highest position.

Remove pork chops from marinade. Place on baking pan. Broil 6 minutes.

Turn over. Place 1 pineapple ring on top of each. Broil 5 minutes longer.

Yields 4 servings; 281 calories, 24 g protein, 7 g fat, 68 mg cholesterol and 440 mg sodium each.

HOLIDAY MAPPLESAUCE

Combine 1 can or jar applesauce and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup reduced-calorie pancake syrup. Serve alongside pork or turkey, cooked cabbage, waffles or pancakes. If desired, spice can be added by heating a few red-hot candies in syrup and adding to applesauce.

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Today's Food

Blueberry gifts plump up color, tang, flavor

They're not red or green, gold or brown, but blueberries make splendid holiday gifts. In these recipes, plump blueberries lend fruity-sweet appeal to vinegars and chutneys — and an old-fashioned pumpkin bread recipe is thrown in for the baker. The flavor of easy-to-make condiments improves with age and quick breads can be frozen, so all these can be made and packaged well before the busy season rolls around.

Darkly luscious Berry Blueberry Chutney starts with convenient and traditional cranberry sauce from a can.

BERRY BLUEBERRY CHUTNEY

- 4 cups frozen or fresh blueberries
- 1 can (16 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

In medium nonreactive saucepan, combine blueberries, cranberry sauce, sugar, vinegar, orange peel, ginger, and red and black peppers. Bring to boil. Boil, stirring frequently, 15 to 20 minutes until slightly thickened.

Pour into clean jars, cover and refrigerate up to 3 weeks; or place in covered plastic containers and freeze.

Serve with roasted or grilled turkey, chicken or pork, if desired.

Yields 3 cups.

BLUEBERRY BALSAMIC VINEGAR

- 4 cups frozen or fresh blueberries, thawed if necessary
- 1 qt. balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Peel cut in strips from 1 lime (green part only)
- 1 (3 inch) cinnamon stick

In large nonreactive saucepan, crush blueberries with potato masher or back of heavy spoon. Add vinegar, sugar, lime and cinnamon. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 20 minutes.

Cool slightly. Pour into large bowl. Refrigerate, covered, 2 days to let flavors blend.

Place wire strainer over large bowl. In batches, ladle blueberry mixture into strainer, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Discard solids.

Pour vinegar into clean glass bottles or jars. Refrigerate, tightly covered, indefinitely.

Use in salad dressings, or drizzle over broiled or grilled chicken or beef.

Yields 5 1/2 cups.

Blueberry Vinaigrette: In cup, combine 1/4 cup olive oil, 3 tablespoons Blueberry Balsamic Vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper. For creamier dressing, stir in 1 tablespoon mayonnaise or plain yogurt. Yields about 1/2 cup.

BLUEBERRY PUMPKIN BREAD

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin
- 3 3/4 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 cups frozen or fresh blueberries, thawed if necessary
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease two (9-by-5-inch) loaf pans. In large mixing bowl, beat eggs. Add oil. Mix well. Blend in sugar and pumpkin. In separate bowl, sift

together flour, baking soda, salt and spice. Add to pumpkin mixture. Fold in cranberries and nuts. Pour into prepared pans. Bake in preheated oven 75 minutes.

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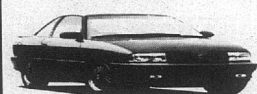
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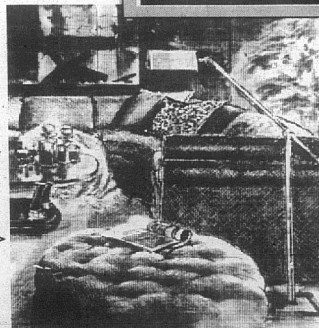
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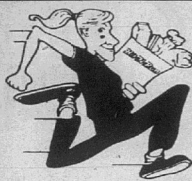
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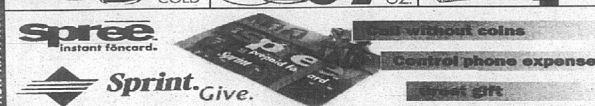
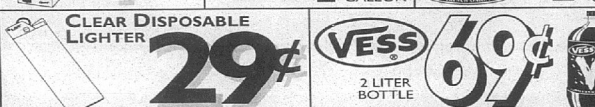
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Micro Raves

By JUDY EDDY

'Tis season for turkey on holiday and next day

Before Thanksgiving there is anticipation about the food and the fun. After the holiday celebration, the next best thing about Thanksgiving dinner is the leftovers.

Turkey, one of the best price-per-pound purchases in a supermarket, not only is the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving meal, but it provides a base for casseroles, sandwiches and soups for weeks to come. During this season, when the price is right, an extra turkey in the freezer comes in handy on many occasions.

Turkey, like any other meat, should be refrigerated as soon as possible after cooking to avoid spoilage. Remove stuffing from the turkey and store it separately.

Sliced or chopped, turkey freezes well for use in future meals. Freeze meal-size packages of sliced turkey for quick sandwiches, or freeze containers of chopped turkey for quick casseroles. Homemade microwaveable dinners can be assembled for freezing, using up leftover stuffing, meat and vegetables.

Frozen turkey should be wrapped tightly and placed in airtight bags before freezing. To get the most out of a turkey, pull away all large pieces of meat from the bones and place the carcass in a slow cooker with enough water to make broth. Cook it on low

power several hours. It is the perfect way to make a hearty soup.

Turkey casseroles provide quick meals for the busy winter season. Best of all, most casseroles can be prepared early in the day, cooked in a microwave oven, refrigerated and reheated as single-serving leftovers.

This "salad" is served hot. For an encore after the stuffing is gone, prepare a package of prepared dressing with a chopped apple.

Home economist Judy Eddy specializes in microwave cooking.

HOT TURKEY SALAD

- 3 cups chopped cooked turkey
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) slivered almonds
- 1 cup snack cracker crumbs
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 cup minced onion
- 1 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 2 cans (3 1/2 oz. each) cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. pepper

Mix together turkey,

almonds, crumbs, celery, onion, mayonnaise, soup, broth, lemon juice and pepper. Place in greased 2-quart microwave-safe casserole.

Microwave on high power 8 to 10 minutes.

ENCORE TURKEY

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 3 tbsp. margarine
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) stuffing mix
- 2 cups chicken or turkey broth
- 3 cups chopped cooked turkey
- 1 cup finely chopped apple

Place celery, onion and margarine in 2-quart microwave-safe baking dish. Microwave, covered, on high power 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Stir in stuffing mix and broth. Mix well. Add turkey and apple. Spread evenly in dish.

Microwave on medium-high power 10 to 12 minutes.

Top with leftover turkey gravy that is reheated.

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Cookie tradition is fun

Dawn Franzen, South St. Louis County, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Iced Molasses Cut-Outs. Her prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

She started making these cookies before she was married and wanted a quick pulse of holiday spirit. Now she expects to make them with her family, including a 20-month-old son.

She promises their fragrance just out of the oven is like a warm spice cake, filling the house with seasonal scents.

Recipes in the Stew or Soup Recipe Contest should be postmarked by Sunday, Nov. 30, for consideration as winner each Wednesday in December, one of four possible prize dates.

Send in a recipe — one per household — for any kind of warming stew or soup to: Stew or Soup Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the *Journal* you receive.

Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions, including any variations that make this dish special.

If there is a history to the recipe, it will be considered part of the entry. Along with taste and eye appeal, it will be among criteria used for selecting winners. Originality will be considered, although the recipe need not be original. If possible, name the recipe's source.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

ICED MOLASSES CUT-OUTS

1½ cups sugar, softened
1 cup (2 sticks) margarine
1 egg
1 cup molasses
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ginger
1 cup buttermilk
4 tsp. baking soda
2 tbsp. vinegar
6 to 8 cups flour

Buttercream Icing

Preheat oven to 350°.

Cream sugar and margarine until light and fluffy. Add egg. Beat well. Add molasses, salt, cinnamon and ginger. Mix well.

Dissolve baking soda in vinegar. Add with buttermilk to creamed mixture, stirring well. Add flour, 1 cup at a time, until dough is of rolling consistency and no longer sticks to bowl.

Roll dough ¼-inch thick on lightly-floured board. Cut with cookie cutters. Lay on cookie sheets, lightly coated with nonstick cooking spray, if desired.

Bake in preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes, depending on thickness of dough.

Let cool a few minutes on pan. Remove to cookie racks to cool completely.

Decorate with Buttercream Icing, spreading with a knife or using decorator's bag fitted with tip.

Buttercream Icing: Mix together well 1 pound confectioner's sugar, ¼ teaspoon salt, ¼ cup milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and ½ cup margarine, softened. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired. Add a few drops milk, if icing is too stiff.

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Turkey roasting quicker now

It seems everything trots faster these days, even the holiday bird as it cooks. In the summer of 1995, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reduced its recommended cooking times for roasting whole turkeys, depending on their size, by 15 minutes to one hour. The changes came after a University of Georgia study showed the old recommendations were longer than needed to assure safety and doneness.

Some consumers, however, find their birds are "not quite up to speed."

Recommended cooking techniques must be followed, including use of a meat thermometer to check several places for doneness.

Here are variables that can affect roasting time of a whole bird:

- A partially frozen bird requires longer cooking.
- Dark roasting pans cook faster than shiny metals.
- A large, deep pan reduces heat circulation to all areas of the bird.

- Use of an aluminum foil tent for the entire time slows cooking.

- Use of a roasting pan's lid speeds cooking.

- An oven cooking bag accelerates cooking.

- A stuffed bird takes longer to cook.

- The oven may heat unevenly.

- The oven's thermostat may be inaccurate.

- Rack position can affect even cooking and heat circulation.

- A turkey or its pan may be too large for the oven, blocking heat circulation.

- The meat thermometer must be placed properly in the thigh joint.

The new times are based on the following procedures:

1. Set the oven temperature no lower than 325°. Preheating is not necessary.

2. Be sure the bird is completely thawed. Times are based on fresh or thawed birds at refrigerator temperatures of 40° or below.

3. Place turkey breast-side up on a flat wire rack in a shallow roasting pan 2 to 2½ inches deep. A foil tent can be placed loosely over the breast for the first 1½ to 2 hours, then removed for browning, or a foil tent may be used after the turkey has reached the desired golden brown.

4. For uniform results, cook stuffing outside the bird. If stuffing it, stuff loosely and allow extra time. The turkey should reach 180°, stuffing 165°.

5. For safety and doneness, check the internal temperature with a meat thermometer, even if the bird has a "pop-up" temperature indicator. The temperature must reach 180° in the thigh before removing from the oven. Center of stuffing should reach 165° after standing.

6. Juices should be clear. In the absence of a meat thermometer, pierce the turkey with a fork in several places and watch to be sure juices are clear with no trace of pink.

7. Let the bird stand 20 minutes before removing stuffing and carving.

APPROXIMATE TURKEY COOKING TIME

Eight to 12 pounds: 2¾ to 3 hours, unstuffed; 3 to 3½ hours, stuffed.

Twelve to 14 pounds: 3 to 3¾ hours, unstuffed; 3½ to 4 hours, stuffed.

Fourteen to 18 pounds: 3¾ to 4¼ hours, unstuffed; 4 to 4½ hours, stuffed.

Eighteen to 20 pounds: 4¼ to 4½ hours, unstuffed; 4½ to 4¾ hours, stuffed.

Twenty to 24 pounds: 4½ to 5 hours, unstuffed; 4¾ to 5¼ hours, stuffed.

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Today's Food

Heart-y Bites

By BECKY BLAIR

Generous harvest sweet with pumpkin, apples

Thanksgiving traditionally is the day set aside to count our many blessings. A bountiful harvest brings heartfelt thanks. Pumpkins and apples are two of the most popular foods of the autumn harvest.

Pumpkin is a gourd in the family with far-flung relatives, like melons, cucumber and squash. It probably is native to central America. When the first colonists landed in North America, they already found Indians growing it extensively.

The Indians boiled and baked pumpkin, made it into soup, dried and ground it into meal. The meal was used much like cornmeal to make breads and puddings. They cut pumpkins into rings and hung them to dry so kept through the winter.

The mention of pumpkin initially makes the mouth water for pie, but its uses are much more diverse in bread, muffins, soup and cookies. Even its seeds are used.

Baked or mashed with a hint of cinnamon, brown sugar and ginger, pumpkin makes a vegetable accompaniment to any meal. It can be used in recipes calling for winter squash.

The first New England

pumpkin pie was without crust. It was made by cutting a slice from the top of a pumpkin, taking out the seeds and filling the cavity with milk and spices. Maple syrup or some natural sweetener was added and the whole pumpkin was baked.

Thanksgiving traditionally kicks off the winter holiday weight-gain season, too, so it is nice to have a low-fat dessert to satisfy a sweet tooth, while allowing a little indulgence at a hearty holiday feast.

Combining the fall classics, pumpkin with apple, makes a scrumptious seasonal treat. The health bonus is a good dose of vitamin A and fiber.

Registered dietitian Becky Blair is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

PUMPKIN-APPLE CAKE

- 1 box (2 layers) yellow cake mix
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce

- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup chopped, peeled apple
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 3/4 cup yolk-free egg product (equivalent to 3 eggs)
- 2 tsp. cinnamon or allspice

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13-by-9-inch pan or muffin cups.

In large bowl, beat together dry cake mix, applesauce, pumpkin, apple, skim milk, egg product and cinnamon, using low speed of electric mixer, 30 seconds to blend. Continue beating on low speed 20 minutes to mix.

Pour into prepared pan or fill muffin cups two-thirds full.

In preheated oven, bake oblong pan 25 to 30 minutes or muffins 20 to 25 minutes. Yields 18 servings or muffins; 143 calories, 2 g protein, 3 g fat, 27 g carbohydrate and no cholesterol each.

Optional topping: Mix frozen nonfat whipped topping with 2 tablespoons honey and pinch of cinnamon. Place dollop of topping on each serving.

Recipe

EASY TURKEY PIE

- 1 cup buttermilk baking mix
- 2 tbsp. sliced green onion
- 1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 1 1/2 cups (2 percent) milk
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. chopped celery
- 2 tbsp. chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup diced cooked turkey or chicken
- 1 cup mixed vegetables, cooked

Preheat oven to 400°. Butter or grease 8-inch pie plate.

In small bowl, combine baking mix, onion and poultry seasoning. Stir in 1/2 cup milk until all ingredients are just moistened.

Pat dough into prepared plate. Bake in preheated oven 18 to 20 minutes.

Sprinkle with cheese. Return to oven about 3 minutes to melt cheese.

Melt butter in small saucepan. Sauté celery and green pepper about 5 min-

utes until tender-crisp. Remove from heat. Stir in flour, Worcestershire sauce, dry mustard, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually stir in 1 cup milk. Stirring constantly, bring to boil.

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Magazines great for 'do-it-yourself'

A new class of do-it-yourself magazines aims at readers who might be called the connoisseurs of the home improvement field.

An example is Home Furniture, a new title edited for those interested in the design and crafting of fine furniture. "Our articles don't talk about saws and hammers, or even joinery very much, but about why this piece was designed the way it was and why not another way," says Tim Schreiner, editor.

Many of the projects featured in the first issue — such as an 18th century-style corner cabinet with carved scallop shell motifs or Chippendale side dining chairs — require high skills. But, Schreiner says that, advanced beginners, intermediates accounted for about half the readership and included gallery owners, interior designers and others with interest in hand-made furniture. One of the most popular features was "How They Did It," with information about

how to achieve special effects in the projects. Traditionally, home improvement publications have focused on how to save money or do a job faster and better. But, even some of these have a new look and a new philosophy.

"In the late 1980s, we jettisoned the dirty finger nail image and became more colorful," says Art Rooze, senior editor of Family Handyman, a Reader's Digest publication with a readership of about 3.3 million.

Stories range from how-tos on home repairs such as adjusting a thermostat and fixing drawers to tips on teaching a child how to work with wood. There also are articles that detail and often simplify more elaborate projects, such as designing and building a wall full of storage cabinetry.

Family Handyman typically builds its projects from scratch, photographing as the project develops. The magazine is aimed towards "the person in his 40s

who is into do-it-yourself because, he enjoys it," says Rooze. "There may still be some old putters among our readers. But they aren't our primary audience."

Home Furniture comes from Taunton Press of Newtown, Conn., which also publishes titles like Fine Homebuilding, an upscale building and renovating magazine that often profiles real houses under construction or repair. The company also publishes what Peter Chidsey, its executive vice president, calls "enthusiast" magazines in general wood-working, sewing, gardening and cooking.

The new furniture title originally was a book project based on a call for entries from the publisher for furniture projects by craftsmen and hobbyists.

"Instead of a few hundred entries we got nearly a thousand and the quality was outstanding," says Jim Chisavelli, publisher. The company decided there might be enough furniture-making enthusiasts to support a regular publication.

— Associated Press

Check origins of your seeds for directions

If you've ever shopped for plants by mail, you may have noticed the schizophrenic species.

They're the ones that the folks in Catalog A promise will thrive in deep shade, while the Catalog B people are claiming they'll need full sun.

"It's not just light requirements either — you'll see the same thing with cold hardiness zones," says Paul Henry, the main man for ornamental plants at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus.

"Different catalogs will say that the same plant will or will not survive in a given zone."

The case of the contradictory light requirements may not be as puzzling as it first

seems. "Full sun is very different in Miami and Chicago," Henry says.

"If you live in Illinois and your catalog comes from South Carolina, the shade plants you order might do all right in a little more sun. You have to be willing to experiment a little."

In addition, varieties within a single plant group may need differing amounts of light.

"Hostas, for instance, have thousands of cultivars," Henry says. "Some of them can take quite a bit of sun, even though hostas are traditionally shade plants."

As for cold hardiness, it's largely guesswork on the part of the nurseries, Henry says.

"No one's ever gotten a bunch of refrigerators set at different temperatures, put plants in them and then watched to see which ones died first," he notes.

If you have your heart set on something the catalog says won't make it through the winter in your area, check your location against that of the company.

If you're in the same zone, the catalog's probably right. If you're in a different zone, you might want to take a chance.

"You should always look at these guidelines as good for optimum growing conditions, not as some kind of magic," Henry says. "You can't pigeonhole nature — plants are much more adaptable than that."

Furniture chain offers computer area tips

Whether you're setting up a computer work area just for the kids or for the whole family, here are some tips from the Workbench furniture chain of New York and Crate & Barrel Furniture of Chicago:

— Before you shop, measure and draw a plan of the space you have earmarked for a home office and computer center, marking the location of windows, doors, electric and phone outlets.

Take measurements of the home office equipment you already have. For more room for future purchases, consider buying a little more shelving and surface space than you need now.

Make a list of the activities to be accommodated in the space and the amount of storage needed. Do you need more than the average amount of working surface? A normal working surface is a space as wide as your fully outstretched arms.

Those who need more space than this should think about having a table or desk in addition to the one that holds the computer equipment. Possible choices are a desk with a right or left L-return or, if there is room to accommodate it, a second table or desk. The surface that holds the keyboard should be about three inches below standard desk height.

You'll need a printer stand with a slotted shelf if you use continuous-feed paper. If you want files handy, choose a desk with an attached file cabinet or one with a rolling file pedestal.

If you will be storing files and books and other publications, measure the number of linear feet needed to accommodate the materials you want to store and add a bit more space for future needs.

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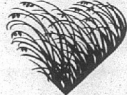
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Movie schedule

Film timetable for Film timetable for Thursday, Nov. 28. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

ALTON CINE

2840 Clair St., 482-1131
Space Jam (PG) 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50

AVALON

4225 S. Kingshighway, 352-2424
Harriet The Spy (PG) 4:45
Jack (PG) 7:00
A Time To Kill (R) 9:30

CHESTERFIELD

585 Chesterfield Mall, 532-0155
Sleepters (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

CLARKSON 6 CINE

1785 Clarkson Road, 822-4900
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Ransom (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
101 Dalmations (G) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
The English Patient (R) 1:00, 4:15, 8:00
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:05, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05

CARMIKE PETITE

129 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708
Ransom (R) 7:00, 9:30
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 7:00, 9:20
Space Jam (PG) 7:10, 9:10
Jingle All The Way (PG) 7:10, 9:15

CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10

248 Crestwood Plaza, 868-8509
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:15

Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:40, 5:15, 7:35, 9:45
Ransom (R) 1:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55
Ransom (R) 1:45, 5:35, 8:15, 10:40
Set It Off (R) 1:55, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
That Thing You Do! (PG) 1:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Space Jam (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:25, 7:55, 10:00
Space Jam (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Space Jam (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:25, 9:30

CREVE COEUR CINE

10570 Old Olive Street Road, 822-4900
Ransom (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55
1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:55, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10

CROSS KEYS CINEMA

110 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lincoln & New Hallie Ferry, 921-8999
Harriet The Spy (PG) 4:45
Phenomenon (PG) 6:30
The Glimmer Man (R) 8:00
Alaska (PG) 4:45
Jack (PG) 7:00
Bulletproof (R) 9:20

DES PERES 14 CINE

Manchester & I-270, 822-4900
Space Jam (PG) 11:35, 1:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:10
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
Space Jam (PG) 12:15, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 9:55

JINGLE ALL THE WAY (PG)

11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:20
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:05, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05

THE GLIMMER MAN (R)

8:00
Alaska (PG) 4:45
Jack (PG) 7:00
Bulletproof (R) 9:20

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Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 12:40, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
101 Dalmations (G) 11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
101 Dalmations (G) 12:00, 2:40, 5:30, 8:10
The English Patient (R) 12:35, 4:05, 8:30
Set It Off (R) 1:00, 4:15, 8:50, 9:40

EASTGATE CINE

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The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
Ransom (R) 12:00, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:55, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
101 Dalmations (G) 11:40, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35

GALLERIA 6

80 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13)
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13)
Jingle All The Way (PG)
Jingle All The Way (PG)
The English Patient (R) Check theater for times

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

2600 Target Drive, 822-4900
Set It Off (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
Set It Off (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:25, 9:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30

JINGLE ALL THE WAY (PG)

12:15, 2:35, 5:10, 8:30
Jingle All The Way (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:35, 9:59
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00

Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
Ransom (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50
Ransom (R) 2:20, 5:05, 8:10
101 Dalmations (G) 11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

ROMEO & JULIET (PG-13)

1:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:15, 4:50, 7:50
101 Dalmations (G) 12:15, 2:50, 5:45, 8:30

KELLER PLAZA 6 CINE

Lemay Ferry & Mehl Avenue, 822-4900
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45

DJ: THE MIGHTY DUCKS (PG)

12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:20, 9:35
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Ransom (R) 11:15, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Ransom (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Space Jam (PG) 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:15
Space Jam (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 5:15, 7:45, 9:40

KENRICK & CINE

7505 Watson Road, 822-4900
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 12:00, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
Sleepters (R) 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
First Wives Club (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
101 Dalmations (G) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
101 Dalmations (G) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:30

KIRKWOOD CINEMA

333 S. Kirkwood Road, 955-1161
Fly Away Home (PG) 4:00
Michael Collins (R) 6:00
Swingers (R) 8:30, 10:15
Big Night (R) 4:30, 10:00
Ed's Next Move (R) 6:30, 8:15

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main (Belleville), 233-0123
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LINDBERGH 8

7545 S. Lindbergh, 487-0017
Tin Cup (R) 12:45, 4:40, 8:15
Jack (PG-13) 1:00, 5:00, 7:40
Independence Day (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20
First Kid (PG) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05
Phenomenon (PG) 1:20, 4:45, 7:30
The Hunchback Of Notre Dame (G) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:55
The Nutty Professor (PG-13) 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45
The Chamber (R) 1:05, 4:50, 7:25

MID RIVERS MALL

1220 Mid Rivers Dr., 279-2778
Ransom (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
Space Jam (PG) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
The Mirror With Two Faces (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
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Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
101 Dalmations (G) 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
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NORTHWEST PLAZA 9

Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:20
Space Jam (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45

7:10, 9:05
Space Jam (PG) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:35
Set It Off (R) 12:30, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
Set It Off (R) 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 10:30
Ransom (R) 12:00, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Ransom (R) 12:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

11150 Old St. Charles Road, 822-0885
The Associate (PG-13)
Long Kiss Goodnight (R)
Sleepters (R)
High School High (PG-13)
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13)
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13)
Larger Than Life (PG)
Michael Collins (R)
Ghost And The Darkness (R)
That Thing You Do! (PG)
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PLAZA CINE 4

Troy, Mo., 528-2070
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QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, Ill.
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REGENCY

1095 Regency Parkway, 846-8000
Space Jam (PG)
Space Jam (PG)
Jingle All The Way (PG)
Jingle All The Way (PG)
Set It Off (R)
Ransom (R)
Ransom (R)
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) Check theater for times

RITZ 3 THEATER

402 E. Main St., Belleville, 233-3536
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RONNIE'S 8 CINE

Lindbergh & Baptist Church Road, 822-4900
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
101 Dalmations (G) 11:10, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
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Sleepters (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
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Roxana, Ill., 254-8748
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2025 Galloway Drive, 871-1153
Harriet The Spy (PG) 4:45
Jack (PG) 7:00
A Time To Kill (R) 9:30

ST. CHARLES 10 CINE

Hwy. 94 at Fraile Road, 822-4900
Dear God (PG) 12:15, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00
The Ghost And The Darkness (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
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101 Dalmations (G) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
101 Dalmations (G) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, 388-8283
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:15, 1:15, 3:20, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:45, 1:45, 3:50, 5:50, 8:00, 10:00
Space Jam (PG) 11:00, 1:00, 3:05, 5:05, 7:15, 9:20
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The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10
101 Dalmations (G) 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50
Star Trek First Contact (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55
Set It Off (R) 11:30, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

SHADY OAK CINE

Forsyth and Hanley Road, 727-2319
Mother Night (R) 5:30, 8:00

VILLAGE SQUARE

100 Village Square Shopping Center, 885-1990
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WESTPORT

810 Westport Plaza, 822-4900
Big Night (R) 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
Romeo And Juliet (PG-13) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35

Mortgage misunderstanding

Many would-be homeowners are missing out because they mistakenly think they won't qualify for a mortgage, says the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, an industry group.

"There are many serious misconceptions about the mortgage process that are causing people to deny themselves the financial security provided by home ownership," says Joe Pickett, the organization's president.

One of them is the belief that it takes a 20 percent down payment; in reality it can be as low as 3 percent, says Pickett. Most lenders have flexible credit history requirements, too, and a person making \$28,800 a year could qualify for a loan of as much as \$75,000, he says.

For a copy of an MBA booklet, "A Plain and Simple Guide for First Time Home Buyers," call 1 (800) 599-7735.

Home Problems
Inadequate electrical systems are the most common and most dangerous problems

found in inspecting older homes for resale, according to HomeMaster, a home inspection chain.

"Deficiencies in the electrical system of a house are rarely visible to the layperson, yet they are the major cause of home fires," says Kenneth Austin, co-chairman of the group. Even something like too few outlets, overloaded, can cause fires.

Cracked heat exchangers or blocked flues, which could lead to carbon monoxide leakage, and improperly installed hot water heater relief valves, which can blow up under heavy pressure, also were ranked as extremely hazardous in a company study of 1,000 "used" homes.

Other common defects found included deficiencies in central heating and cooling systems, lower-level water seepage, roofing, mixed plumbing and other plumbing problems, like poor water pressure.

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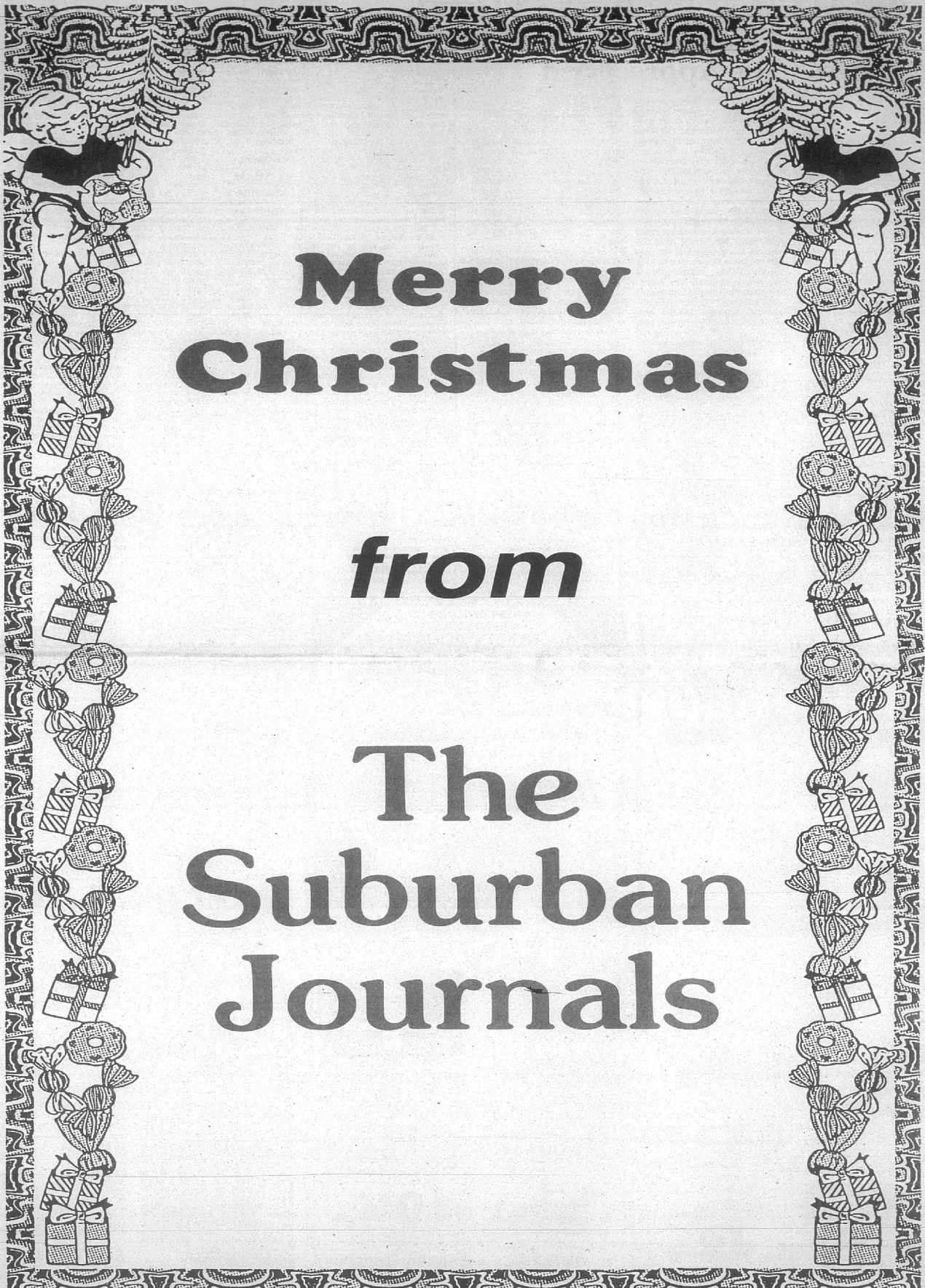
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(NU) - If you're tired of buying toys that break before the New Year or "unique" items that often go unused, why not give something that not only will be more appreciated but also will appreciate in value?

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Plus, with a little creativity, you can customize your gift to fit the personality, budget or lifestyle of the recipient. Here are just a few ideas to make investing fun, exciting and profitable:

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- Build a "playschool" portfolio. Especially suitable for children and newlyweds, this group of DRIP and no-load stocks can include Kimberly-Clark Corp., Mattel, McDonald's, Hershey Foods Corp., VF Corp. (Wrangler and Lee brand jeans), Coca-Cola Co., Rubenstein's (Little Tikes toys) and PepsiCo Inc.
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no-load stocks. If you know someone with plans to rehab a home, a stock such as Home Depot might be appropriate. Video or audio-philosophes would appreciate owning Sony Corp., railroad buffs might prefer Conrail; for serious shoppers, invest in Dean Witter Discover; and for those who love to talk on the phone, Ameritech or US West are suitable choices.

• Use no-load stocks as the basis for starting a child's (or grandchild's) college education fund; combining commission-free investing with dividend reinvestment is a powerful strategy for long-term growth.

For the serious investor, other gift options include:

- Two bestselling books, "No-Load Stocks" and "Buying Stocks Without a Broker," written by Charles Carlson, the country's foremost authority on DRIPs and no-load stocks.
- Annual subscriptions to two newsletters, DRIP Investor (\$59) and/or No-Load Stock Insider (\$49), both published by NorthStar Financial Inc. 1-800-711-7969.

Proper packing can help ensure undamaged gifts

"Nothing dampens the holiday spirit more than getting gifts that have been damaged in transit," says Bob Gordon, United Parcel Service corporation packaging manager.

According to John Ulaque, owner of Pony Mailbox, all the major carriers, UPS, FEDEX, Airborne, and US Postal Service use the same packaging standards. With a little help from Pony Mailbox, your holiday packages can arrive undamaged.

Here are UPS's suggestions for proper packaging:

1. Make sure you use a new box that can stand up to being stacked with other packages. If a box is not new, it should be in good condition such that there are no creases, tears, or punctures and the flap should be intact. Remove any old labels.
2. Be prepared to itemize the contents of your packages. Recent US Postal requirements are for the shipper to complete a form itemizing contents or packages. UPS requires itemization for coverage in case of loss or damage. The people at Pony Mailbox are trained to help you complete the necessary forms and retain them for you.
3. Inside protection is vital. Surround each item in the carton with at least two inches of packing material, bubble pack, Styrofoam peanuts, foam-in-place, or corrugated dividers. For lighter packages, wadded paper grocery bags can be used to protect against shock. Give the package a rattle test - fold the flaps down and shake the box if the contents move or rattle and more cushioning.

If you are shipping something breakable, such as glass or ceramics or electronic equipment, use extra packaging. The rule of thumb is "Package a box inside a box." Individually wrap your gift with cushioning and place it in a separate box. Place this box inside another box that is large enough to allow room for cushioning material on all sides. Pony Mailbox has extensive experience in packaging fragile items and has packaging material for the do-it-yourselfers.

When shipping Christmas cookies place them inside a smaller box or container and

surround them with adequate packing material. According to Mr. Ulaque, adding popped popcorn can help protect the contents from damage and retain freshness also.

4. The package should be closed securely with heavy duty, pressure sensitive plastic tape. Use of masking, cellophane or duct tape should be avoided. The personnel at Pony Mailbox will gladly help you in sealing your packages properly.

5. Be certain that the package is properly labeled. It's also a good idea to put an extra label inside the package. That way, if the outside label is lost or destroyed, the carrier can use the duplicate label to identify the recipient.

If you pack your holiday gifts properly, you'll be pleased when they arrive in perfect condition. The recipient can then enjoy the holiday gift instead of worrying about replacing broken items.

Mr. Ulaque has operated Pony Mailbox since it opened in 1983. The shop is an authorized shipping outlet for both Federal Express (FedEx) and United Parcel Service (UPS). In addition to these carriers, Pony Mailbox ships with most major carriers and also offers US Postal Services.

"Our store is a complete shipping and packing center, and also small business support center," Ulaque said. "It carries a large selection of boxes and the proper packing material to make sure that your packages will be safe in transit. Our staff are trained to assist you in getting your package to its destination in good shape and at the most reasonable cost." Pony Mailbox is located at 24 Namekiki Village in Granite City, by Ponderosa in the shopping plaza. Call 876-PONY for more information.

Experts offering tips for building a better (gingerbread) house

No sooner do we blow out the candles in our jack-o-lanterns than visions of sugar plums are dancing in our heads. And while many of us might differ on what sugar plums really look like, we would have no

problem conjuring the sugary shape of another holiday favorite—the gingerbread house.

Traditionally decked out with more candy than Hansel and Gretel had bread crumbs, the gingerbread house has long

been a childhood fantasy come true. NECCO, the nation's oldest multi-line candy company, has been a part of that holiday magic for almost 150 years.

In celebration of the Cambridge, Mass., based company's

150th anniversary in 1997, NECCO's candy experts have teamed up with baking instructor Susan Logozzo to offer some new twists on traditional gingerbread house decorations and other unique holiday

recipes.

According to Logozzo, the two-time winner of the Anthony Spinnazola Foundation Gingerbread House Competition and instructor at the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, "This covering new and different candies to use is half the fun of making gingerbread houses every year. The other half is letting your imagination run wild and watching your creative ideas come to life."

Here are a few sweet tips for decorating and building with candy this season:

Gingerbread Home Improvement:

- Place overlapping rows of NECCO Wafers on the roof of your gingerbread house to make a colorful, "storybook" tiled roof design.
- Remember that the best gingerbread houses are made of gingerbread, snow, trees and other details.
- For example: Nonpareils make a festive snow covered walkway.
- Cinnamon sticks can be bundled to resemble freshly cut wood logs out back.
- Chocolate NECCO Skybars or other segmented chocolate make great steps leading up to a doorway. They can also be frosted to resemble presents.
- Use your gingerbread dough to decorate other areas of your home. Use cookie cut-

ters to form bears, horses or gingerbread dolls, then decorate with festive holiday candies. Use ribbons to crate gingerbread ornaments to hang on your holiday tree, or glue them to a wreath for the front door, creating a warm welcome to family and friends.

Flair:

- Melt Haviland Thin Mints, or other chocolate-covered mints, down to a smooth chocolate sauce, dip in your favorite fruit (strawberries and orange slices are great) and garnish an dessert tray with delicious delicacies.

For a tasty twist on caramel apples, try melting down Mary Jane peanut butter candies, then crush malted milk balls into a powder. Dip the apples in the warm melted candy then roll the topping over them.

For a relaxing hot drink (to keep holiday stress at bay), fill a mug ¾ full with water, place two white Canada Mints in water and microwave for 3½ minutes. You can also heat Canada Mints in your mug of hot chocolate for a delicious twist.

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It's a Dog's (or Cat's) Life at the White House

(NU) - An election year may be a time of change, but there's one thing that remains the same no matter who's in power. As politicians come and go from Washington, D.C., most of them are accompanied not just by wives and children, but by pets.

That gives them something in common with most of their constituents — 55 percent of American households have at least one pet, according to the Pet Food Institute.

U.S. presidents, especially, have been known for the four-legged company they keep.

Dogs and cats have attended state dinners, even when they haven't been on the guest list. Calvin Coolidge shared his morning coffee and cream with a cat named Blackie. And when he yelled "Supper," all the White House dogs joined him in the dining room.

That's a story that makes animal nutrition experts shudder. Even scraps from the president's table can take away pets' appetites for food that will help them thrive and stay healthy.

Like people, pets need a complete and balanced diet. The best way to provide that is with commercially prepared pet foods.

If you change foods, introduce the new variety slowly, so you won't upset your pet's digestive system. And don't forget to always provide plenty of fresh water, which is essential for even political pets' health.

Celebrating Fashion and Music

(NU) - To celebrate its 15th anniversary in the United States, Austria's Geiger Collection is sponsoring Elisabeth Von Trapp's musical journey across the country, promoting her coronation at the "One Heart, One Mind" Von Trapp, the granddaughter of the celebrated Baroness Maria Von Trapp, on whom the movie "The Sound of Music" is based, is the only member of the Von Trapp family who continues the tradition of performing in public.

Both located in Middlebury, Vt., Geiger and Von Trapp have merged fashion and musical art. Parallel philosophies brought the two together. And just as Von Trapp's music defies categorization, so does the Geiger Collection of fine fashions.

Natural and pure is the company's motto. Only water and heat are used during the processing of boiled wool which goes into the manufacturing of the clothing.

The clothing in the Geiger Collection transcends time — just like the music of Geiger's neighbor, Elisabeth Von Trapp.

The Geiger Collection is available at specialty stores nationwide. Or call 1-800-243-4437 for more information.

Tips Make Your Choice a Gem Dandy

(NU) - Looking for a fine jewel to give this holiday season? How can you be sure you know what you're getting? Is it really the quality you've been told it is?

The American Society of Appraisers offers the following tips to help you make your jewelry purchase:

- Find a jeweler you can trust whose salespeople have a background in gems and jewelry.

- Educate yourself about the item you want to purchase. The knowledgeable jeweler will be happy to explain what makes one gem more valuable than another.

- If you're buying a diamond, remember that its quality is measured by its established grading system.

Salvation Army Offers Helping Hand to Needy Boys, Girls

(NU) - At 16, Joe was broke, hungry and living on the streets. Today, he's a college student looking toward a bright future as a doctor. A Salvation Army youth shelter made the difference.

Joe and his younger brother Tom left home when their parents split. The boys had nowhere to go and no resources on which to draw. Desperation brought them to The Salvation Army's Light-house Adolescent Shelter.

The family spirit they found living there for several months changed their lives.

"I only hope that the Light-house Shelter continues to help others like me," Joe wrote from college to those who'd helped him. "The sense of family, warmth and love and even the food will all be missed."

Joe and Tom are two of more than 1,500 troubled and homeless youth cared for at the Portland, Maine, shelter since it opened in 1988. Others have found similar physical, emotional and spiritual support at The Salvation Army's 16 other U.S. residential programs for children.

The Hope Center for Children in St. Louis, for instance, offers a haven to boys and girls who have known abuse, neglect or trauma. Some even find loving new



Photo by John Woodbury for News USA
Hundreds of thousands of children get a helping hand each year through The Salvation Army.

homes through the center's foster parent program.

All around the country — indeed, the world — children are receiving life-changing help and hope through a wide variety of Salvation Army programs. There are community and day care centers (34,354 children served in 1995), camps (107,140 youths served) and clinics, feeding programs, and boys and girls clubs (109,060 children served).

Education is the focus for many programs. In Detroit and elsewhere, young people are offered Basic Learning Skills and GED classes, and there is tutoring for abused or neglected preschoolers. In Indianapolis, The Salvation

Army works with Wal-Mart stores and public schools to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to needy youngsters.

Around the world — from Jamaica to Zimbabwe, Zambia and Bangladesh — The Salvation Army operates schools, teaching youngsters from kindergarten on up. Many other programs seek to develop youngsters' special talents through athletics, music, and arts and crafts classes.

Even street drama has a place. In Phoenix, gang members hear the gospel through street drama put on by the local Salvation Army Corps.

For more information, contact your local Salvation Army.

'Precious' Holiday Gift Idea

News USA

(NU) - Precious Moments Miniatures by Goebel, based on the popular porcelain figurines, are prized for their exquisite detail and extraordinary delicacy. Each artful portrayal sends a message of loving, caring and sharing to those who receive it.

"Merry Christmas Deer" is a perfect holiday gift for a dear friend or loved one. A sweet little girl and her reindeer stand before a beautifully trimmed Christmas tree, reminding us of the children we once were or those we now love. The miniature bronze figures are carefully sculpted and meticulously hand-painted in the traditional soft pastels unique to Precious Moments figurines.

"Merry Christmas Deer" was produced in a limited edition of only 5,000 numbered pieces, making it one of the rarest of all Precious Moments collectibles. Each piece bears a first-issue backstamp to enhance collectibility and comes with a hardwood base and a glass dome.



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Goebel's "Merry Christmas Deer."

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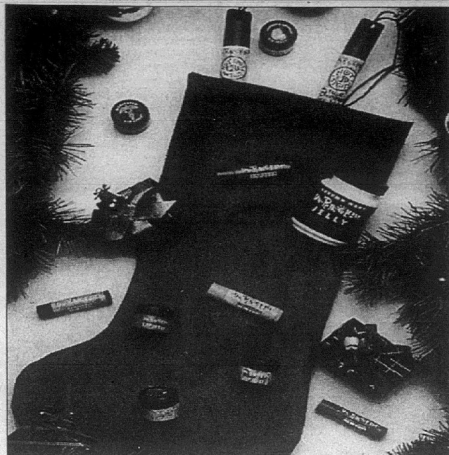
Your Lip Balm: Axle Grease Or Natural Nourishment?

(NU) — Have you ever wondered what ingredients fill that little tube of balm you carry around to protect your lips? Take the following quiz to find out:

1. Lip balms and glosses are mostly made from: (a.) natural plant oils and waxes; (b.) products derived from petroleum; (c.) cherry pit extract.
2. The flavors in most fruit-flavored lip balms and lipsticks are made from: (a.) chemicals; (b.) jelly beans; (c.) real fruit flavors.
3. More people buy products to protect their lips in: (a.) summer; (b.) mud season; (c.) winter.
4. Which statement is false? (a.) Lips do not need sunscreen in the winter; (b.) All lip balms contain sunscreen; (c.) Men buy more lip balm than women.
5. Which of the following is closest to the major ingredient in most lip balms? (a.) axle grease; (b.) lard; (c.) lanolin.

Lip-care expert Kevin Harper, who developed the Un-Petroleum brand of lip care products, offers some surprising answers:

1. (b.) The most common ingredients found in the major brands of lip balms and glosses are petroleum, mineral oil and paraffin wax. All are derived from the same crude oil that fuels cars and heats homes. Petroleum-free lip balms are a newer development.
2. (a.) Most lip products are artificially flavored with chemicals made to taste like fruit. The most common artificial flavor is cherry. Check labels for natural fla-



Lip balm makes a perfect stocking stuffer.

vors — they taste better.

3. (c.) Winter is still the time people suffer most from dry and chapped lips. Maybe that's why lip balm is one of the most popular Christmas stocking stuffers.

4. (a.) All three answers are false. People who enjoy outdoor winter activities should protect faces and hands from sun exposure. Not all lip balms contain sunscreen, so it's important to check labels. Women buy nearly three-quarters of all lip balm.

5. (a.) If you got this one

right, you're an expert on lip care. Axle grease is most like the petroleum-based lip products that dominate the lip-care products market. But more drug chains and super-stores are carrying natural and environmentally friendly products. Check labels, or find other choices at health food stores.

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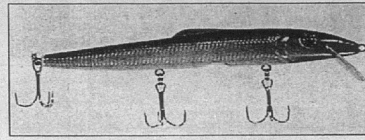
(NU) — Sports technology is helping to bring world-class performance into the realm of the amateur sportsman. Just check out what's happening on the sports page these days:

- New computer-designed swimsuits and racing bikes help set world records in international competitions.
- Professional tennis tournaments have barred the use of a new high-tech racket that lets beginners hit 120-mph serves.

• Organizers of pro fishing tournaments are beginning to outlaw a revolutionary electronic lure because it makes catching fish too easy.

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man Lew Spangel. "If they swim, Vortex lures will get them," says professional fishing guide Taber Ashrent.

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• V-19 Little Lightning: A lighted lure to provide better visibility night or day, making it especially effective in dark or murky water. A soft rattle is incorporated to attract even more fish.

- V-8 Lighted Depth Seeker: A lighted lure that's especially effective at lower depths.

- V-6 Lighted Ultimate Minnow: A lighted lure that's a powerfully effective top-water weapon.

All four body styles feature detailing of carved scale patterns, gill plates and molded prismatic eyes. A set of regular watch-size batteries are supplied with the V-19, V-8 and V-6 lures.

There are more than 95 steps in the manufacture of Vortex lures, including the use of sonic welding to keep the electronic elements dry.

Vortex is offering four of its electronic lures in the most popular colors, along with an instructional video, for \$29.95 plus \$6.95 shipping and handling. To order by credit card, call 1-800-839-8383, or send a check or money order to Vortex Fishing Lures, 1400 Raff Road, Dept. A-5000, Canton, OH 44750.

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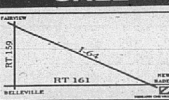
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CHRISTMAS SECTION

Rand McNally Celebrates 125th Year of U.S. Parks

(NU) - More than 275 million people visit U.S. national parks each year. To celebrate the parks' 125th anniversary, Rand McNally has published the "1997 Rand McNally Road Atlas" with tips for visitors looking for unusual and undiscovered park attractions.

As part of the celebration, buyers can receive a free gift — the "Rand McNally Na-

tional Parks Map & Guide," showing locations of national parks and monuments and detailed information on the attractions and services available in major U.S. national parks.

The best-selling Rand McNally Road Atlas has something for everyone who is planning a trip to America's national parks. Whether you're ghost hunting, looking for dinosaur adventures,

while watching or just want to take in breathtaking scenery, you'll find it in the new "1997 Rand McNally Road Atlas."

A detailed index, more than 382 state, province and country maps, and extensive travel-planning information including vacation ideas, state and city tourism offices, toll-free reservation numbers, mileage, and driving

times, are included in the 144-page paperback. It's also available in Spanish, easy-to-read and vinyl-bound gift editions.

"The park system is so big, planning a trip can almost be overwhelming. The '1997 Road Atlas' helps people find new vacation experiences and enjoy old favorites," says Linda Ball, executive editor.

But that's not all Rand McNally has available for gift giving this year.

The "1997 Business Traveler's Road Atlas" offers a wealth of travel information, including "quick-stop" tourist attractions to put a little vacation into your business trip. The wire binding lets the atlas open flat, and it fits easily into a briefcase or car-door pocket.

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(NU) Slippers were originally designed by the Chinese more than 6,000 years ago for stealth. Soft and silent, they let their wearers walk around the mulberry trees without disturbing the silkworms.

Today, we don't have to worry about sneaking around mulberry trees, but the comfortable footwear is still with us and is a traditional gift at holiday times — so traditional it's become the gift to give when you can't think of what to get a man.

But the gift of slippers doesn't have to inspire a yawn. With a little imagination, they can impress your man and make his feet feel great. They can say more to the man in your life than just "sleepwear." You can make them a personalized, memorable gift.

Lifestyle-appropriate slippers are available as driving shoes, boat shoes, in boot styles and even ma-

chine-washable moccasins.

Slippers can be a fun item too. Start with an elegant slipper like L.B. Evans' Classic Radio Tyne that is made of leather with a comfortable lining and solid putole. Add a silk robe, pajamas, and the kind of accessories that set the mood for the two of you: a jazz CD, a bottle of champagne or cognac, a scented candle and an IOU for an evening home alone. It's a gift you'll both enjoy.

If your man is a car enthusiast, try the Superior Driver — a soft, flexible moccasin-style shoe with pebbly rubber nubs on the sole and heel designed for gripping car pedals. Throw in a pair of driving gloves and he'll be ready to hit the road.

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